The Lamp Wreath

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Dedication

Because it has influenced us in making the decision to make Christ our Lord, and guided us in setting our goals and motives of life, and will in the future stimulate us to yield ourselves in greater service to Christ, we dedicate the Laurel Wreath in sincerity to Christian Education at home, in school, and in the church.

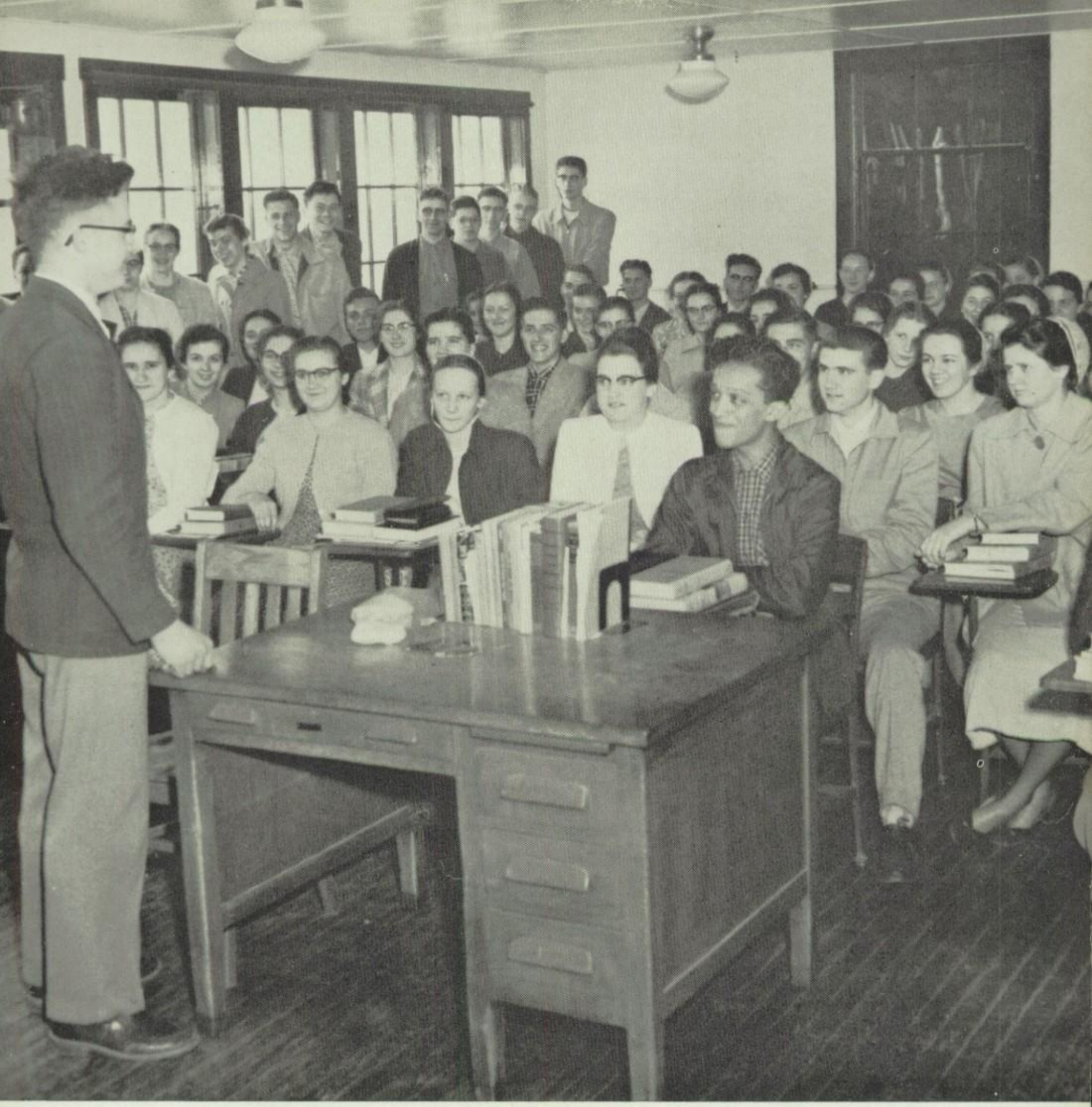
"Within these portals find—the peace of God,
the peace of man, the peace of love on all."

"Within these walls are song and laughter,
Love is born and friendships thrive."

"She made us welcome to her home,
Her hearths grew wide to give us room."

"Here reason firm and temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength and skill
Are tried and strengthened by each other."

"And so I find it well to come for deeper rest
to this still room."



"We gathered here a joyous throng
And fellowship in classmates found."

"And there to meet thrice daily, to gain
The strength derived from food and pleasant conversation."

"Full of long, sounding corridors it was—
That overvaulted grateful gloom,
Thro' which the livelong day my soul did pass,
Well-pleased, from room to room."

Faculty

GIRLS
DORMITORY

Good, Noah G. Route 4, Lancaster, Pa.
Dean, Chemistry, Physics, German, First Aid, Senior Adviser

Dear Seniors of 1955:

It is always a little hard to say what one feels should be said to a graduating class. It will not do to say, "We are glad you are leaving." That would not say it all and would call for some explanation. Neither could we say, "We wish you would stay another year." In school staying on another year has unpleasant implications. But we are glad that you have successfully completed your four years of work so that it is possible for you to make plans for other important tasks in your life.

We believe that you are coming to the end of your fourth year of high school with a degree of satisfaction. You feel that you have done your work well; you are eager to try something else. Most of you have heard the call to service and want to answer it. We wish for you the best that life has to offer in time and eternity.

WEAVER, AMOS W. Route 1, Ronks, Pa.
Principal, Bible

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

We rejoice with you in having reached your goal of a high school education, a privilege missed by many. The further advantage of a Christian education is a trust from God who will require an accounting of it. Your use of this opportunity thus far is but the beginning of this accounting which will be completed when the Master calls you home.

You will often recall the pleasure of school days. I hope there will be happiness ahead for you. However, life is not to be measured so much by personal happiness as by the happiness we can bring to others in a way that honors our Lord who will add, then, an overflowing bounty of His grace to us.

Like a wealthy investor, you will carefully look about you for opportunities in consecrated Christian service, where your capital assets of heritage, talents, and zeal may be invested.

Many voices will call and glittering promises may be offered. You need to weigh them by God's voice within. The flesh hears the call of the world, but the spirit hears God. Spiritual people mind the Spirit (Romans 8:4, 5) and follow the Good Shepherd (John 10:27).

Though our farewell is with some regret, it is also with satisfaction that we give you, with your talents and Christian devotion, to the Lord and the church.

STONER, CLYDE B. Route 4, Lancaster, Pa.
Secretary-treasurer, Bookkeeping, Typing, Music

To the Class of 1955:

Within the heart and mind of every person is a desire to be a success in life. Before you is a choice to dedicate your life in service to Christ and the church and the needs of mankind or to dedicate your life in service to self. When we try to direct our life pattern and make it move in ways pleasing and satisfying to our own desires instead of humbly accepting God's plan for us, we find life empty and vain.

Wherever you go and whatever you find to do may you always find delight in the ways of the Lord, for He has promised in so doing to give you the desires of your heart.

BAUMAN, HARVEY W. Route 1, Lititz, Pa.
Problems of Democracy, Agriculture, Shop, Boys' Health, Sunday School Teaching, Freshman Adviser

Be prompt in all things. The easiest way to make a duty or task difficult is to put it off until tomorrow. Brighten up the life of others and thus put a fresh shine on your own life.

BRENNEMAN, HAROLD H. 123 North Academy Drive, Ephrata, Pa.
English, Public Speaking, Stylus

How big is your God? Big enough to outpull social pressures? Big enough to control you? Big enough to recommend to others? or, small enough to be ashamed of?

BRUBAKER, J. LESTER (*On leave of absence*)

Money, popularity, pleasure—appealing little frills momentarily, but the presence of God in the heart is forever a "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

BYLER, JESSE T. Route 4, Lancaster, Pa.
Junior Business Training, Civics and Pennsylvania History, Boys' Health, Campus Improvement, Junior Adviser

The key to winning is losing. Lose yourself in Christ and you will find the life that wins.

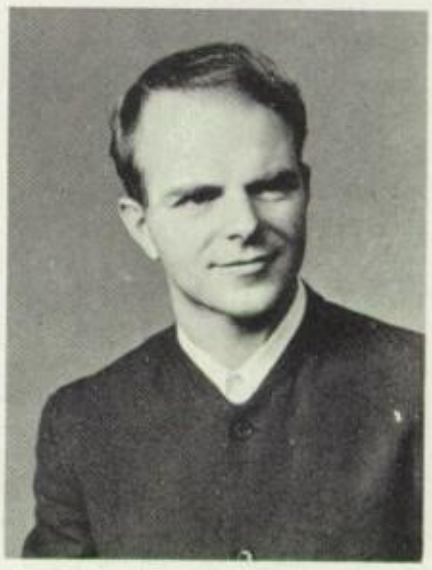
COX, MARY ELIZABETH Route 2, Downingtown, Pa.
Assistant Matron, Girls' Health, Study Hall Supervisor

You have arrived at one of the great events of your life. You have anticipated and worked diligently for this grand goal.

May you now set your goal further ahead and with greater zeal "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

CULP, G. RICHARD Route 4, Box 528A, Lancaster, Pa.
Biology, General Science, Nature Study

May we be "looking for . . . our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify. unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:13, 14).



KNISS, LLOY A. 223 South Pulaski Street, Baltimore 23, Md.
Bible

You have completed another stage in your learning. You also served. The quality of your learning and serving in eternity will be determined by your diligence in these pursuits now.

LANDIS, R. EUGENE Route 2, Box 369, Mohnton, Pa.
Hall Manager, Art

Solomon says, "Youth is vanity," and the profit motive is "Vexation of spirit." Discipleship is your yoke and discipline for service is rugged, uphill work; but the narrow way is God's way; therefore the only way.

LEHMAN, J. IRVIN Route 6, Chambersburg, Pa.
Student Pastor, Bible

"Be ye imitators of God, as children who dearly love Him." Each generation of men is in extreme need of examples of life that are good and right and true lived in the presence of men who are evil and wrong and false. You, by the grace of God, can be the persons who live that life. The Lord, our church, and school are depending on you. The Lord will not fail you.

LUTZ, MARY ELIZABETH — 250 West Bainbridge Street
Secretary — Elizabethtown, Pa.

"We . . . pray for you, and . . . desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Colossians 1:9).

MARTIN, ELLEN P. — 127 North Tenth Street
Mathematics — Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Your supreme responsibility is to be a steward—a steward of God's grace; of an intelligent, well-trained mind; of a healthy, disciplined body; and of any earthly possessions God gives you.

MOSEMANN, MARTHA F. — 362 Atkins Avenue
Commercial Subjects — Lancaster, Pa.

May Jesus be your life and nourisher, the Holy Spirit your power, and Christ your all-sufficiency.

MOSHIER, ELTON G. — Route 4, Lancaster, Pa.
History, Bird Study

Your goal of the past twelve years has finally arrived. Now you have more and higher goals. May you ever strive toward unreached goals and ideals.

MOSHIER, ROSA Y. Route 4, Lancaster, Pa.

Study Hall Supervisor

"It matters not how long we live, but how."—Bailey

You have not lived long—it matters not—
How have you lived?
You may live long—it matters not—
But how will you live?

MUMAW, CATHERINE R. Harrisonburg, Va.

Home Economics, Needlecraft, Girls' Chorus

You have within your grasp the potential for a worth-while and successful future. As you convert potential into reality, may you ever keep before you the challenge of moving forward with your faith in Christ.

NISSLEY, ADDONA Route 2, Mohnton, Pa.

Spanish, Personal Evangelism, Tract Band

The greatest adventure: the venture of faith in God with this basic presupposition: *I don't have to exist.* May this underlying principle make you bold for Christ.

Earthly things offer no security.

OBERHOLTZER, ERLA M. 315 South State Street
English, Sophomore Adviser Ephrata, Pa.
Dear Seniors,

As you are thinking about the days ahead, do not be afraid of God's plans for your life. The greatest happiness comes when we simply rest in His will.

SWARTZ, GLADYS E. Route 1, Phoenixville, Pa.
Matron, Girls' Health

Seniors, God is not asking your class for substitutes; He is asking for you! May you respond to the challenge . . . "Here am I, Lord; I am *yours*. Use me as *you* will."

WENGER, EDNA K. Bareville, Pa.
English, Latin, Mill Stream Adviser

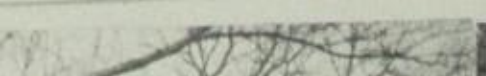
When your mind goes into neutral, does it center on God? Self-centered lives become tragic. God-centered lives are joyous and useful.

YOST, SADIE MAE Route 1, Gap, Pa.
English, Latin, General Mathematics

As you go forward in life and make your many decisions, may you be guided not by what will please you and make you happy but rather by what will please God and make others happy.

Ruth Lefever, Betty Denlinger, Mabel Kreider, Hettie Musser—Cooks

Paul G. Lefever—Caretaker



Seniors

David Shenk, President; John Landis, Vice-President; Jane Mosemann, Secretary; Constance Heisey, Treasurer

Class President's Message

Classmates, life is ahead of us! The future mysteriously holds a sparkling fascination that beckons us to come and experience life. The expectation thrills us. Our hearts beat faster with enthusiastic vigor in anticipation of tomorrow! Tomorrow holds much that is undone; we keenly desire to accomplish these. And with God's help we shall fulfill our responsibilities.

As joyously and eagerly we meet this glorious challenge, let us pause a moment and listen to the sweet, prompting voice of Jesus gently saying, "Move forward, Class of '55, move forward in faith." And so let us in consecration of ourselves to Him respond, "Yes, Lord, we will move forward; we will move forward in faith."

DAVE SHENK

Melvin Hershey Barge Ronks, Pa.

Neat . . . gentleman . . . reserved . . . excells in baseball . . . likes his Olds . . . future farmer. "Boy, I really messed up at second base today."

Robert Herbert Bosley 474 Atlantic Avenue, Lancaster, Pa.

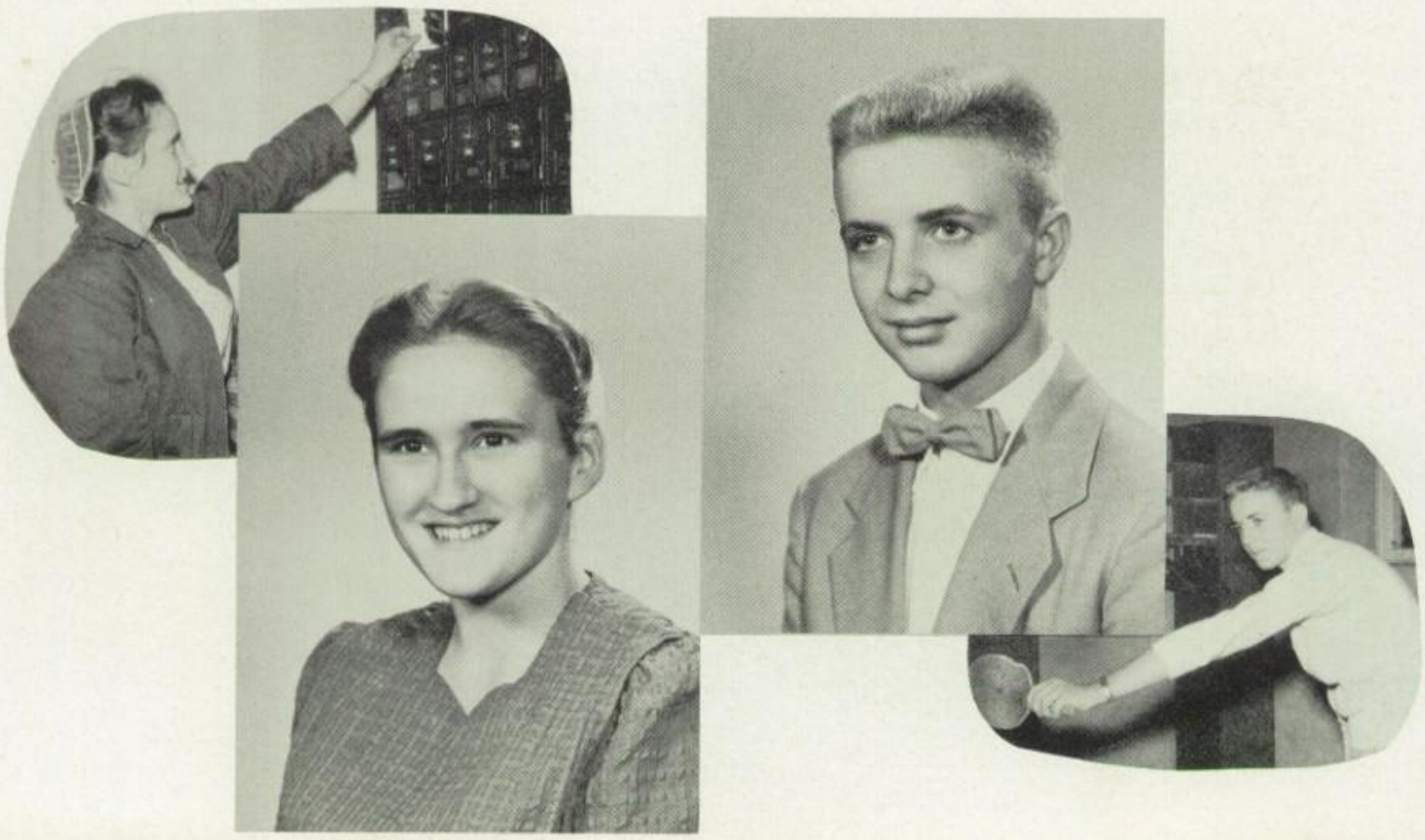
Quiet until you learn to know him . . . gentleman . . . enjoys swimming . . . plans to go to college. . . . "Another speech next week, Ugh!"

Elva Arlene Brubaker Route 2, McAlisterville, Pa.

Sparkling brown eyes . . . enjoys English and farm work . . . Nancy's roommate . . . hard worker . . . good-natured. . . . "I really enjoy English but I don't like Macbeth."

Daniel Calvin Durborow 639 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pa.

Talkative . . . independent . . . fair-complexioned . . . ready for fun. "Well, I'll either use my thumb or my bike."



Mary Joyce Findley Route 5, Box 128, Brewton, Ala.

Comes from the South . . . brains with wit to spare . . . likes to read . . . plans to go to college. "Ah, stop makin' fun o' ma' speech!"

Paul Weaver Gehman Route 3, Lititz, Pa.

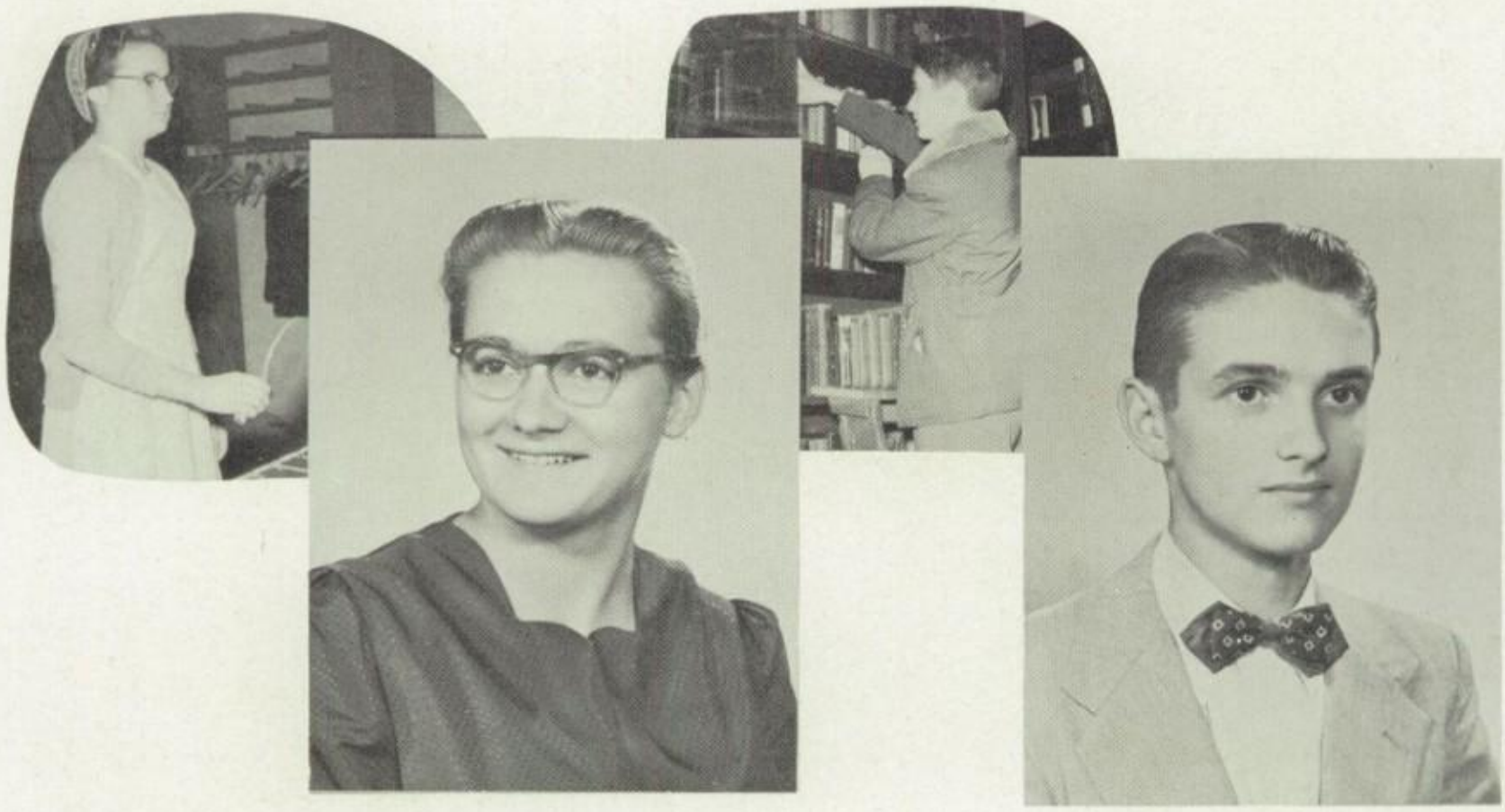
Neat . . . live wire . . . unusual sense of humor . . . likes his Chevy . . . . "Boy, did we ever have fun last night!"

Alice Mae Good Route 1, East Earl, Pa.

Enjoys skating . . . likes to make new friends . . . has secretarial aspirations. . . . "How 'bout that?"

Huldah Marie Graybill East Earl, Pa.

Shy smile . . . quiet . . . brainy, to say the least . . . gentle disposition . . . reliable. . . . "Not tonight, I must go study."



Nancy Lou Graybill Route 2, McAlisterville, Pa.

Enjoys a fast game of basketball . . . lover of books . . . ready for a good time . . . likes farm work . . . sweet disposition . . . mischief in her eyes. . . . "Dorm life isn't dull because of the neighbors."

John Lester Groff Route 5, Box 529, Lancaster, Pa.

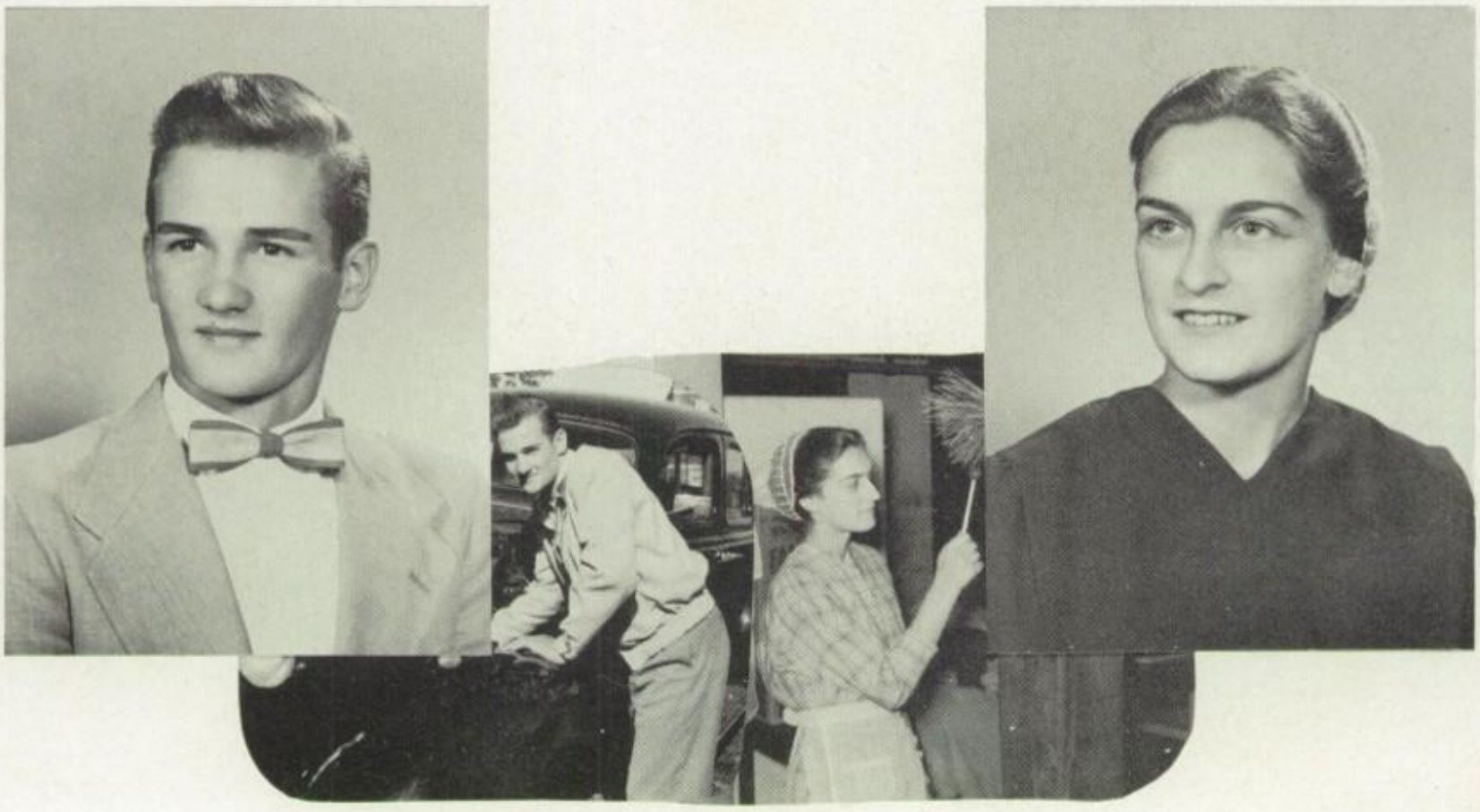
Live wire, but can keep a straight face if necessary . . . mischievous . . . future farmer . . . . "If you really want me to, I'll bring my camera tomorrow."

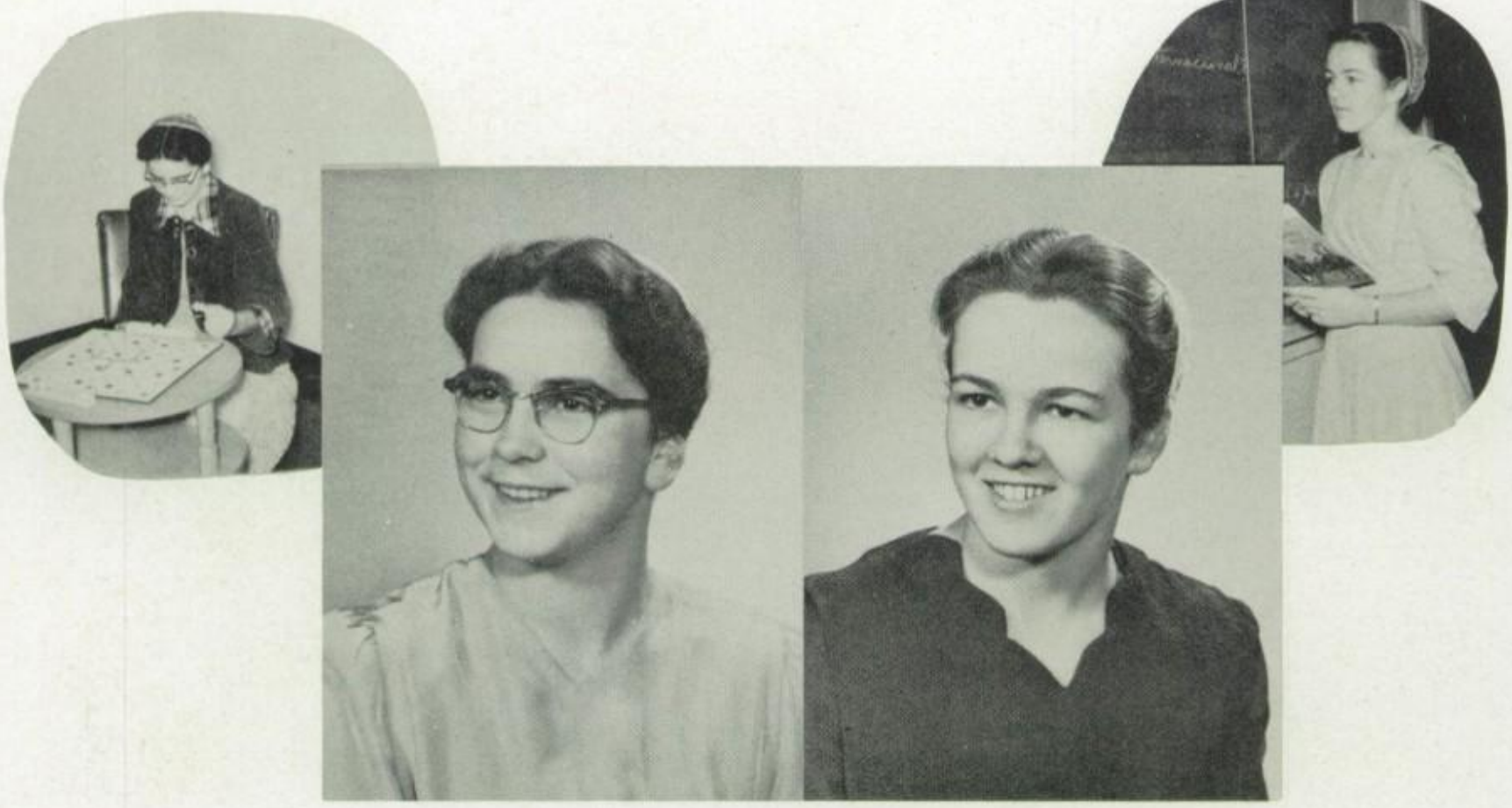
Paul Miller Harnish Route 7, Box 450, Lancaster, Pa.

Mischievous grin . . . full of fun . . . likes to drive the '37? . . . courteous. . . . "A bank? No, I never hit banks."

Eileen Marie Hart Route 5, Lebanon, Pa.

Does things "hart"ily . . . friendly . . . enjoys reading. . . . "Esther, we just must mop this room!"





Constance Faith Heisey Route 1, Hummelstown, Pa.

Neat and friendly . . . looks forward to Sunday night . . . likes watching a good basketball game and listening to classical music . . . anticipates nursing. . . . "My name is Connie, please."

Alice Ruth Herr Route 1, Quarryville, Pa.

Tricky grin . . . champion tennis player of girls . . . English is her favorite . . . seems quiet—at first. . . . "Dorcas beat me in a game of scrabble again last night."

Donald Lee Hershey Route 3, Lititz, Pa.

Anticipates farming . . . good ball player . . . likes to study? . . . "I feel like shouting with joy when my bookkeeping comes out right."

Verna Denlinger Hershey Route 1, Kinzer, Pa.

Capable waitress . . . always ready to help you . . . plays the piano . . . very quiet . . . likes jigsaw puzzles. . . . "I thought chorus was good today."

Anna Esther Hess Route 1, Willow Street, Pa.

Jolly . . . enjoys nature . . . future college student . . . takes life as it comes. . . . "Did you ask about my Spanish assignment? I forgot to do it."

John Daniel Hess Route 1, Manheim, Pa.

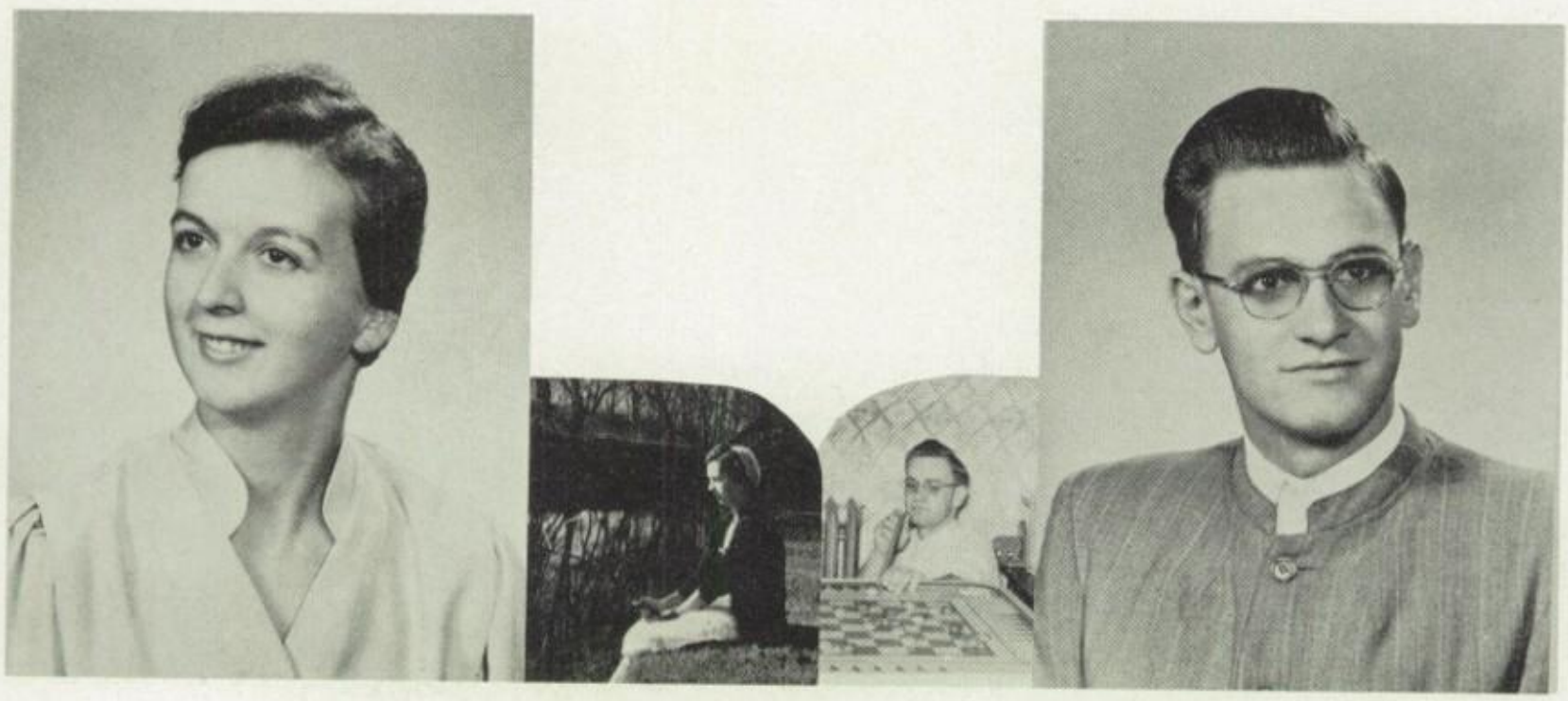
Good tenor voice . . . lively . . . thinks for himself . . . full of ideas . . . a future teacher maybe. . . "Oh come on now, let's get on the ball!"

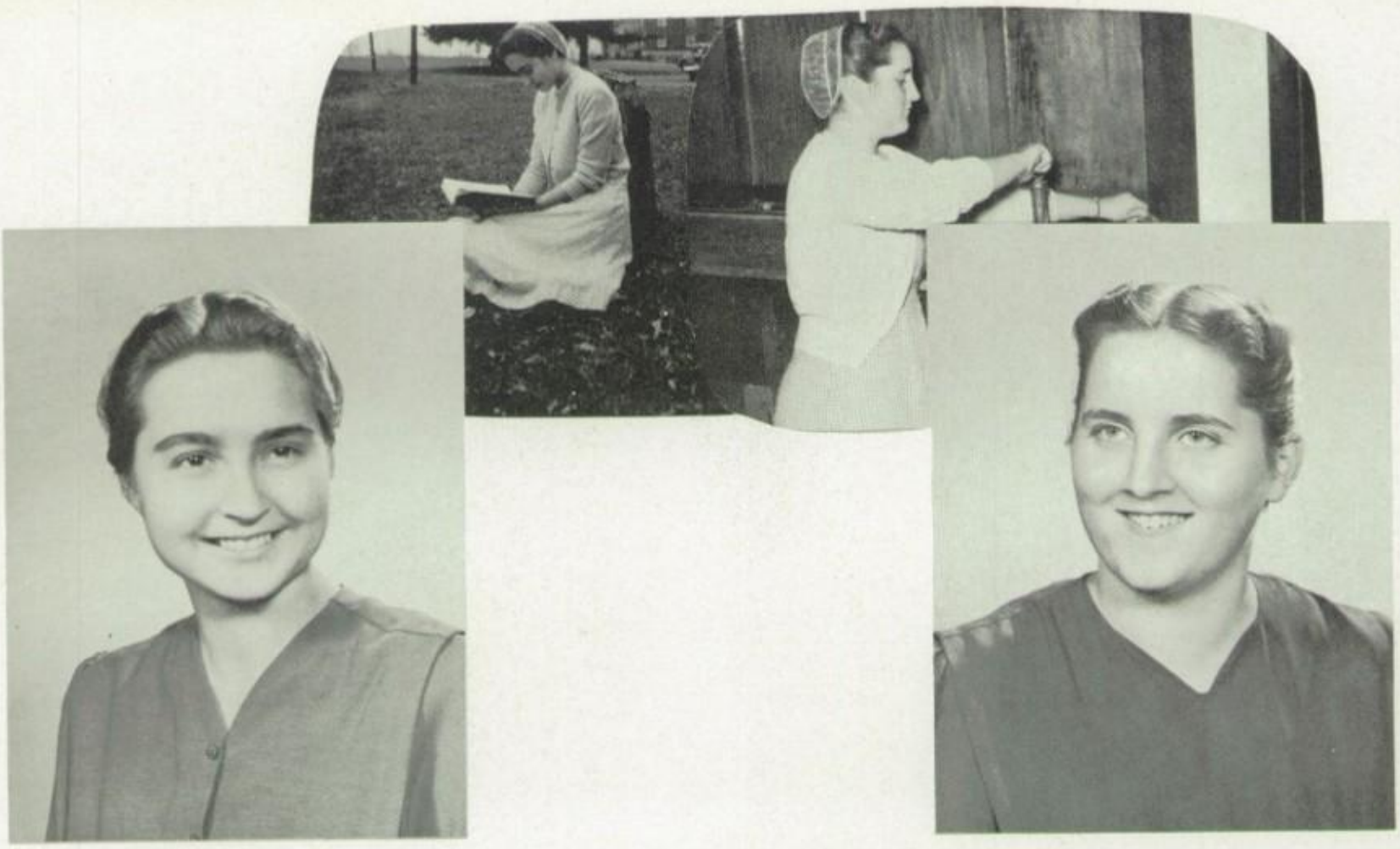
Mary Jane Horning Goodville, Pa.

Dark flashing eyes . . . cheerful and happy-go-lucky . . . says the unexpected . . . driver of the station wagon . . . Dotty Lou's good friend. . . . "Well, I remember once when my mother was in grade school."

David Amos Horst Route 4, Hagerstown, Md.

A good Bible student . . . far from bashful . . . usually seen wearing a broad smile. . . . "It was fun coming to school this morning even though I had car trouble."





Joyce Arlene Horst 566 East Main Street, New Holland, Pa.

Slender silhouette . . . friendly . . . brown eyes . . . enjoys ice skating and letter writing. . . . "I won't attempt to describe the wonderful feeling I had."

Grace Martin Hostetter Route 1, Gap, Pa.

A ringing laugh . . . good athlete . . . jolly . . . pleasant personality . . . future lady in white . . . likes chemistry. . . . "I like to give my opinion."

Lois Arbelia Hurst 718 East Main Street, Ephrata, Pa.

Experienced mission worker. . . . "Girls, last night we had a simply wonderful time!" . . . sympathetic . . . emotional . . . appreciates good music.

Lois Miller Krady Route 1, Willow Street, Pa.

Good student . . . neat . . . unique giggle . . . fine personality . . . enjoys the fine arts . . . poetic ability . . . . "We tried to sing the 'Hallelujah Chorus,' but—Oh!"

Nevin Martin Kraybill Route 1, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Musically minded . . . excels in tennis . . . states opinions freely . . . manly. . . . "How about a game of scrabble tonight?"

Barbara Faith Lamp Route 2, Malvern, Pa.

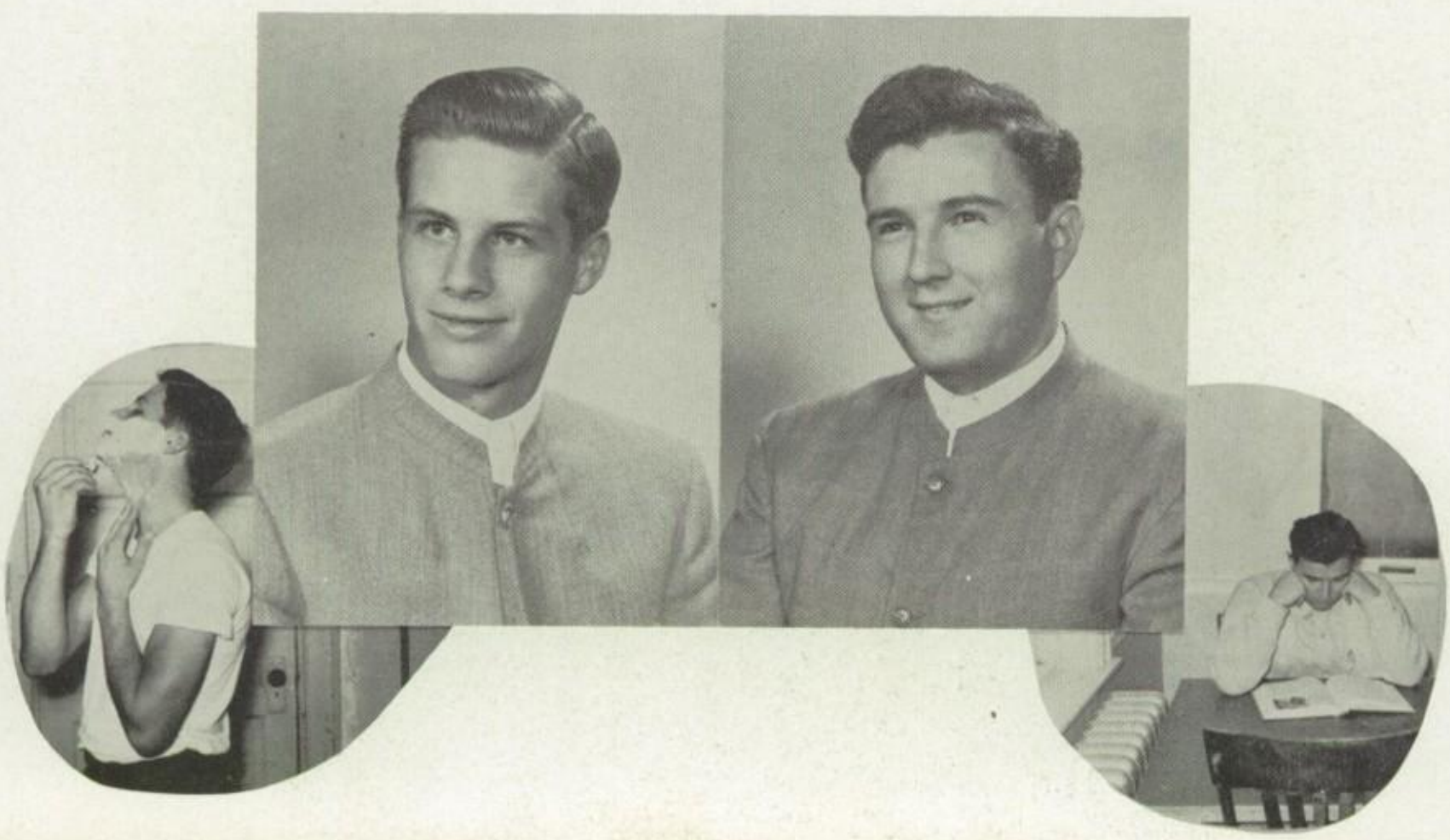
Conscientious worker . . . beautiful voice . . . can keep New Year's resolutions . . . piano expert . . . likes to shop. . . . "You can't be healthy if you don't eat properly."

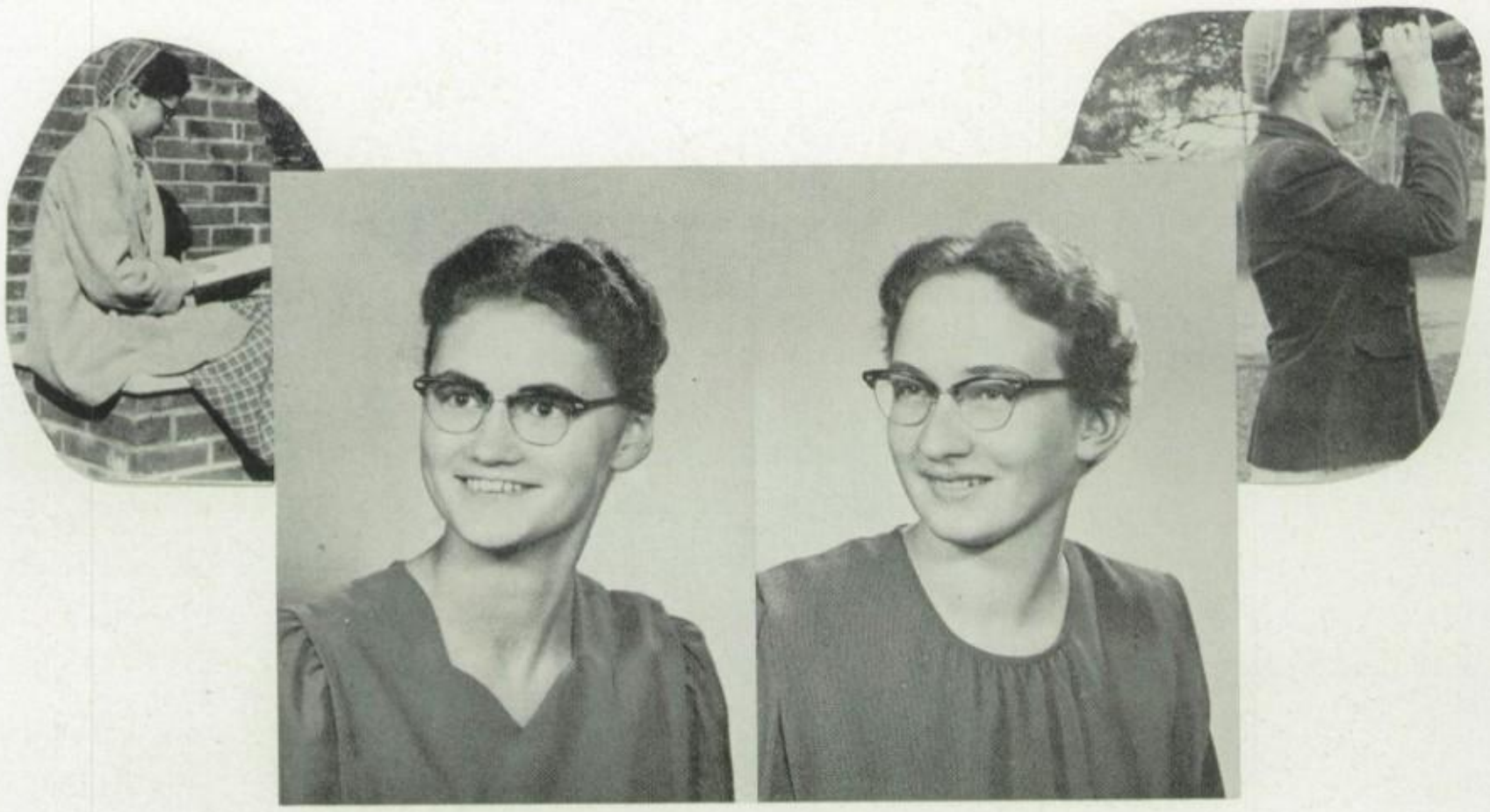
John Garman Landis Route 1, Manheim, Pa.

Active and full of fun . . . enjoys personal evangelism . . . ready for a good argument . . . good sport. . . . "My bookkeeping balanced; was I surprised!"

William Eugene Leakey Terre Hill, Pa.

Likes painting with oil . . . versatile . . . an aversion . . . for cabbage and turnips . . . loves beautiful things—and nurses. . . . "Well, black coffee is one thing that I *don't* enjoy."





Marie Hershey Leaman Route 4, Box 713, Lancaster, Pa.

Pleasant, low voice . . . those blushes! . . . slim and neat . . . usually seen with Alice . . . good shorthand student . . . reserved . . . graceful. . . . "I like shorthand because I can relax with it after hard studies."

Lois Garber Leatherman Route 2, Mount Joy, Pa.

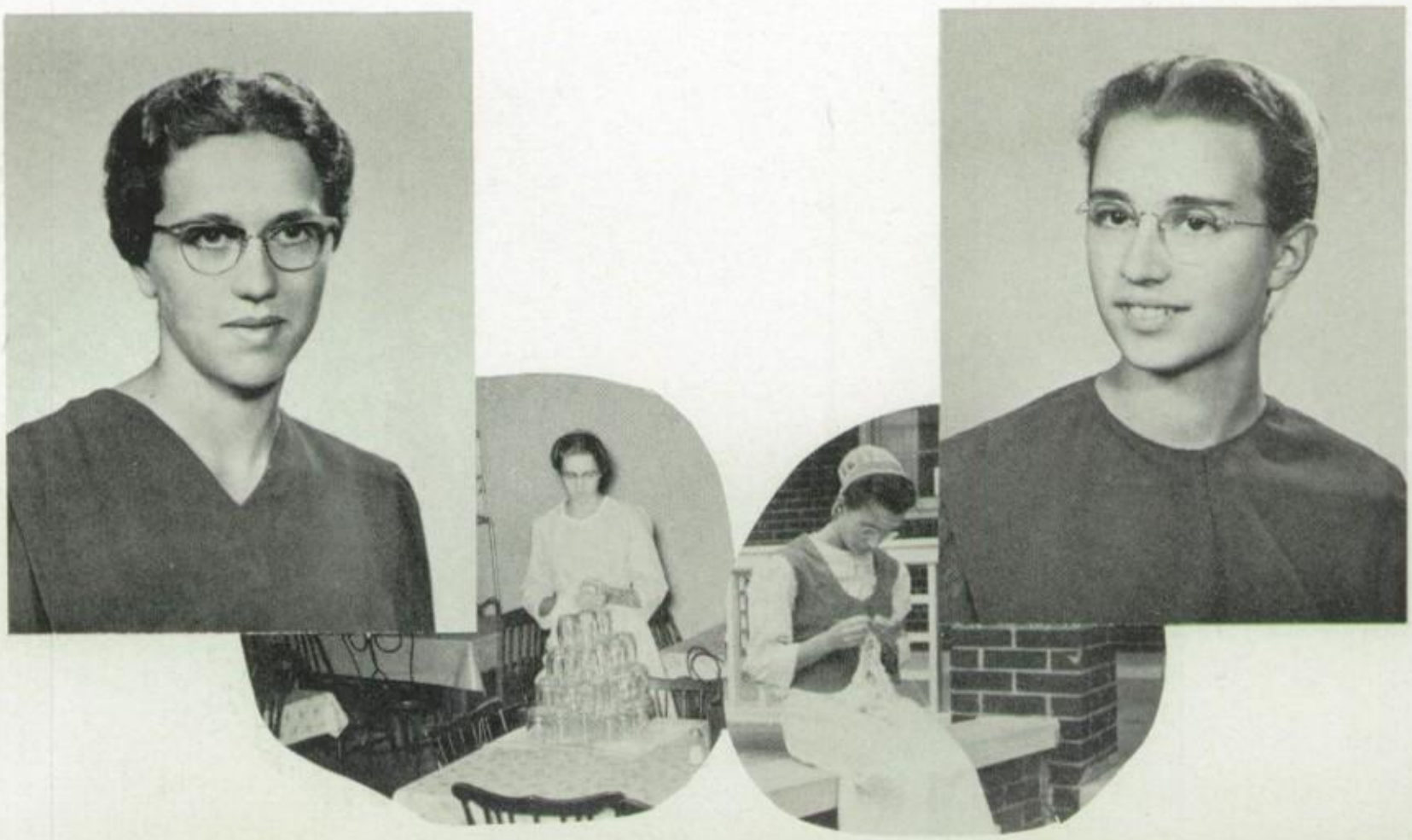
Plans to go to college . . . finds personal evangelism very helpful . . . enjoys bird study . . . curious. . . . "Were we to have that handed in today?"

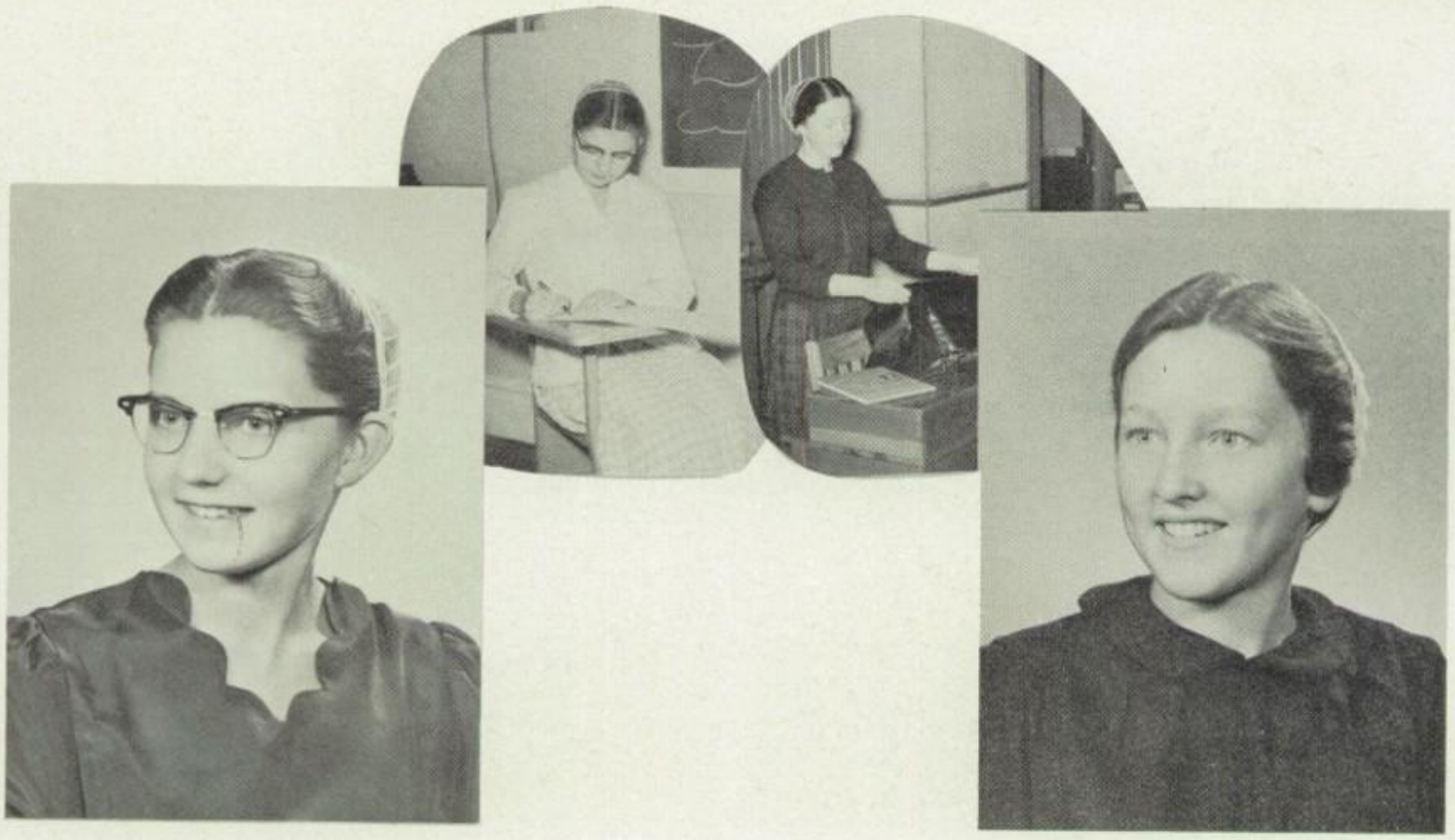
Florence Brubaker Lefever Route 2, Manheim, Pa.

Efficient waitress . . . usually seen with Betty . . . active . . . considerate. . . . "Table four is calling for water again!"

Agnes Ophelia Lehman Route 3, Waynesboro, Pa.

Interested air . . . friendly smile . . . can be noisy . . . often seen with Nancy and Joyce . . . dependable. . . . "I am interested in practical nursing."





Geraldine Ruth Martin 786 East Main Street, Ephrata, Pa.

Enjoys outdoor sports . . . happy-go-lucky . . . impulsive . . . future secretary . . . likes piano playing. . . . "Well, after all, Dave's coming."

Marla Ann Martin Route 1, Bird in Hand, Pa.

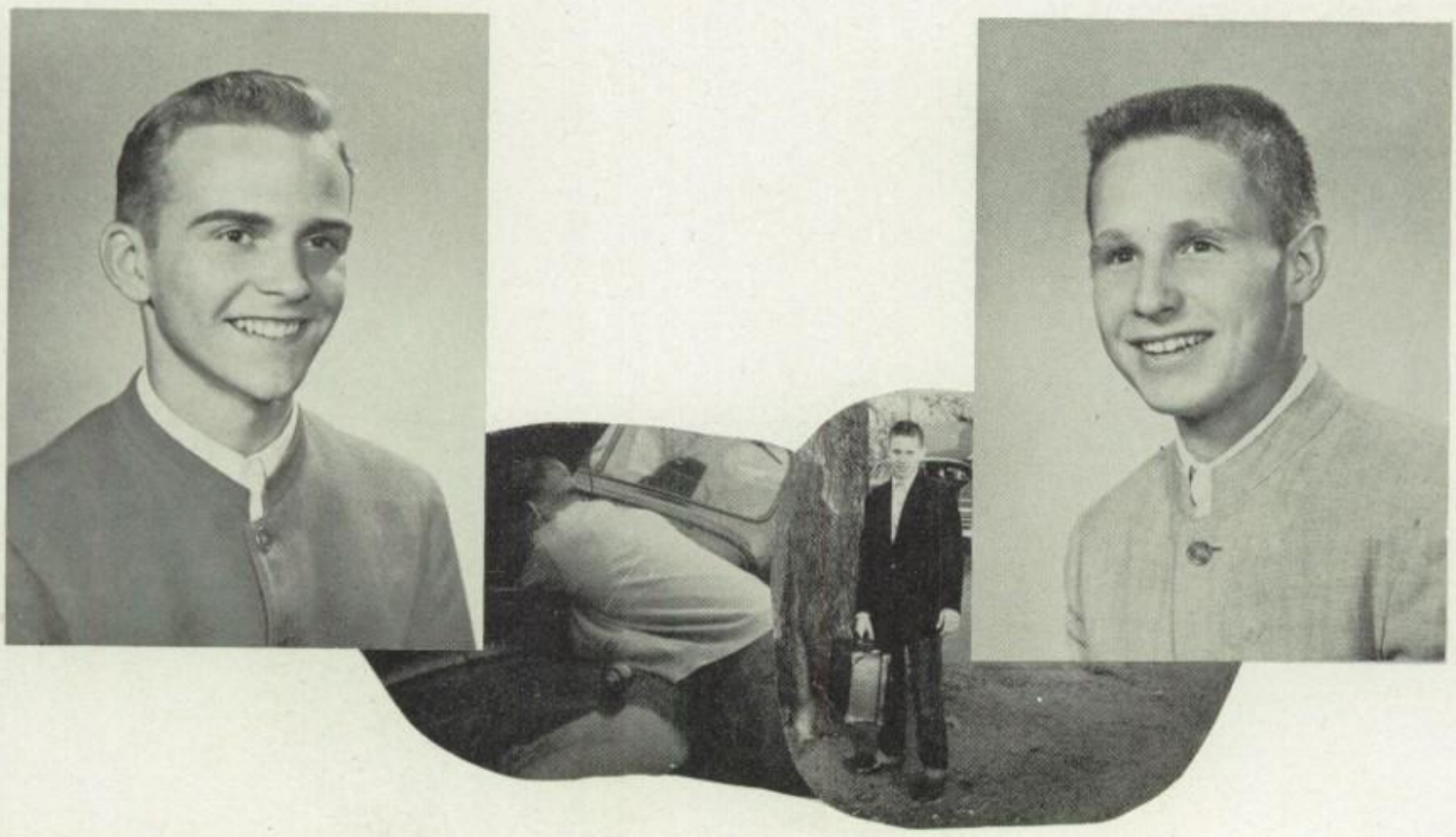
Quiet . . . friendly smile . . . often seen with Eileen . . . enjoys music, tennis, and skating. . . . "And I sold a Laurel Wreath to my neighbor."

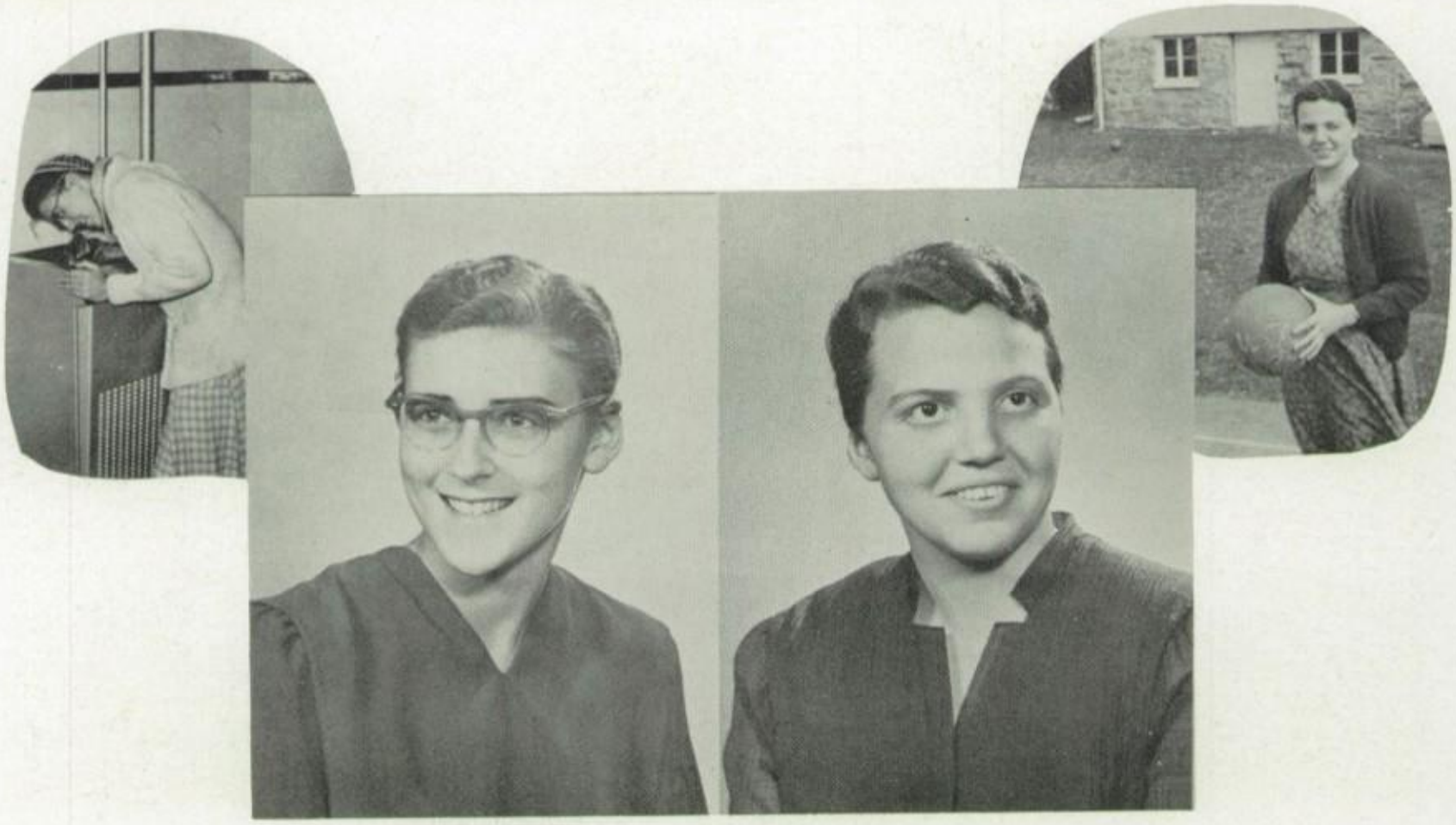
John Ross Mast Route 1, Paradise, Pa.

His laugh!—something you hear once in a lifetime . . . ask Ross all about the Plymouth . . . mischievous . . . asset to class discussion. . . . "I just don't have any strong urge to study English."

James Leslie Maust Route 1, Bainbridge, Pa.

Rarin' to go . . . favorite pastime . . . teasing . . . a word for every occasion . . . pet peeve . . . waiting to go home . . . argues for Fords. . . . "Is it 'Happy Birthday' you want me to sing?"





Dorothy Lou Mellinger New Holland, Pa.

Plans to do office work in her father's garage at New Holland . . . has "some" serious moments . . . sees the funny side of everything. . . . "Hey, why don't we?"

Eileen Nissley Miller Route 1, Mount Joy, Pa.

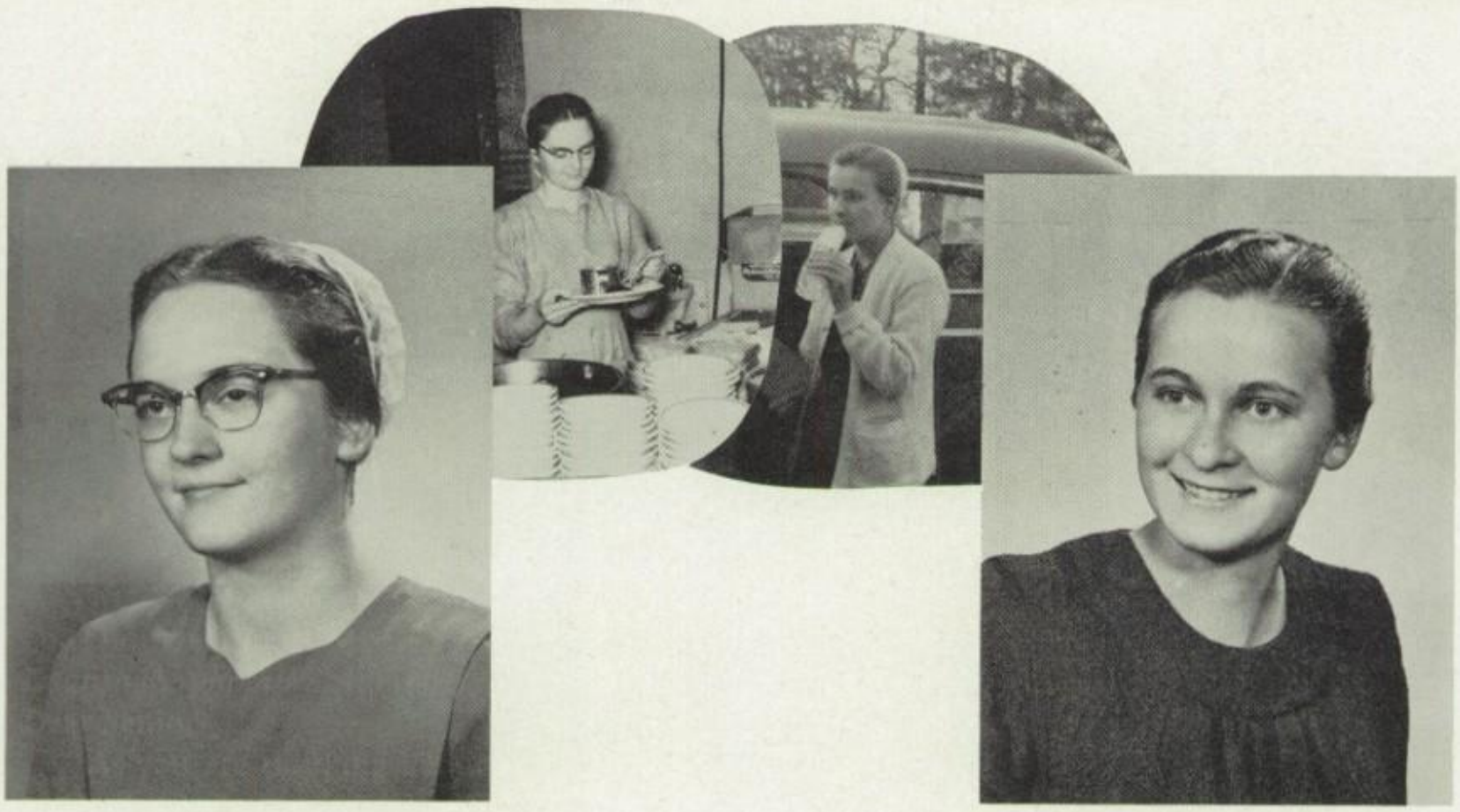
Eileen is all smiles . . . drives the Bel Air . . . far from bashful . . . public speaking abilities. . . . "The windows rattled, the door squeaked, we thought the escaped criminal would prance on us any second!"

Ethel Mae Mohler Route 4, Lititz, Pa.

Jolly and carefree . . . unique way of expressing herself . . . likes to be different. . . . "And I made the dress I am wearing."

Esther Jane Mosemann Route 3, Lititz, Pa.

Enjoys scrabble anytime, anywhere, with anyone. . . . "Let's be different this time." . . . never a dull moment with Janie . . . original . . . cheerful.



Mary Ellen Myer Route 1, Quarryville, Pa.

Friendly smile . . . speaks precisely . . . loves children and teaching . . . very courteous . . . "Come, Weezie, let's go out in the woods and sing."

Ethel Mae Myers Route 1, Bird in Hand, Pa.

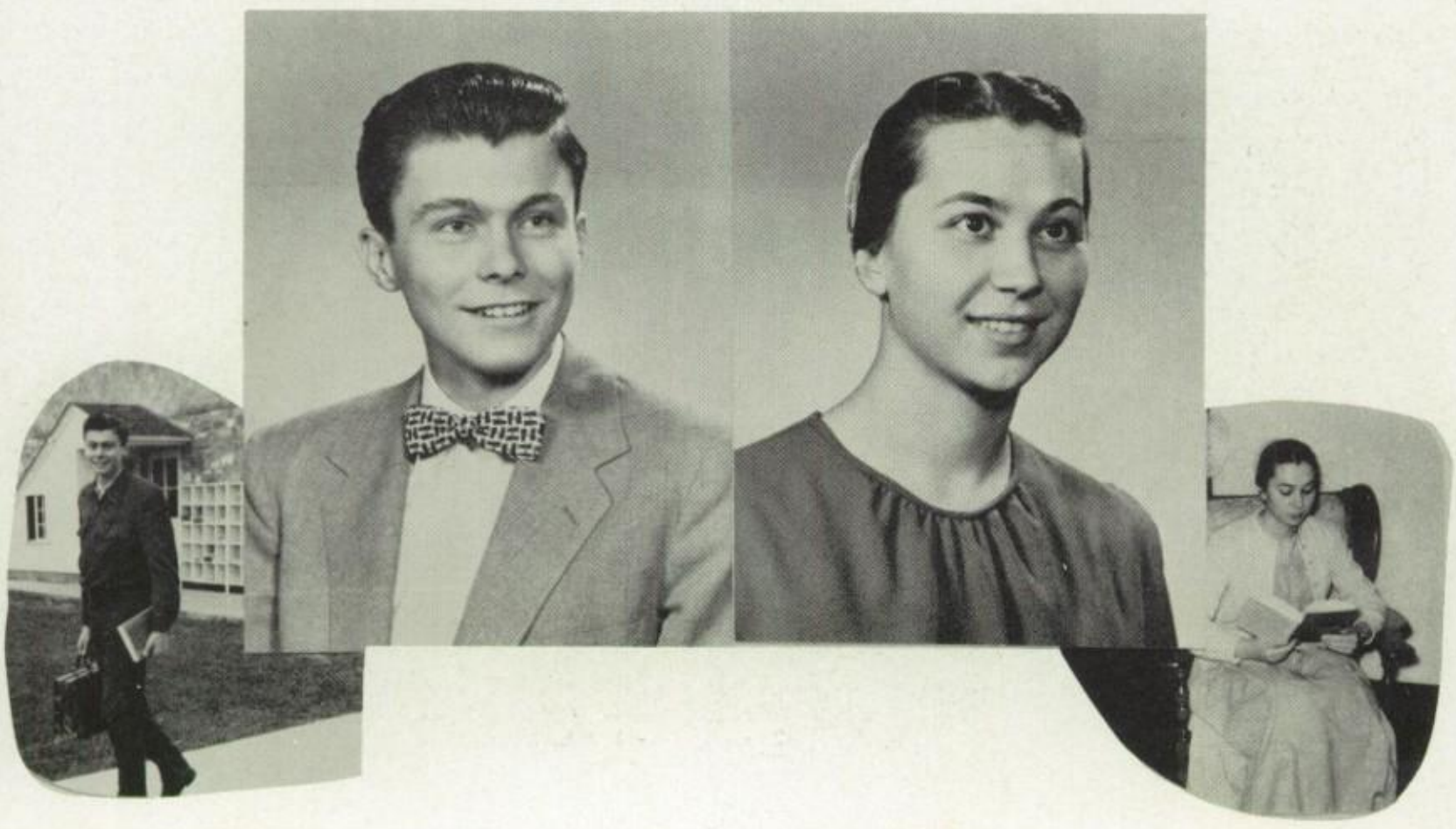
Pleasing personality . . . winning bashfulness . . . likes typing . . . always neat . . . looks forward to week ends.

John Henry Neidig Jonestown, Pa.

Christian chap . . . plans to be a minister . . . travels a lot . . . likes to play the accordion . . . enjoys a good time . . . free with his smiles . . . "These bells confuse me. Was I late?"

Orpha Alice Newswanger Elverson, Pa.

Hearty chuckle . . . enjoys mission work . . . pretty brown eyes . . . rooms with Anna Mary . . . kindhearted. . . . "Come on, this room needs to be cleaned."



Mary Jane Peachey Route 3, Quarryville, Pa.

Merry laugh . . . vivacious. . . . "Girls, this is being silly.". . . traditions —ugh . . . enjoys singing . . . college is in her future plans.

Mary Lois Petre Maugansville, Md.

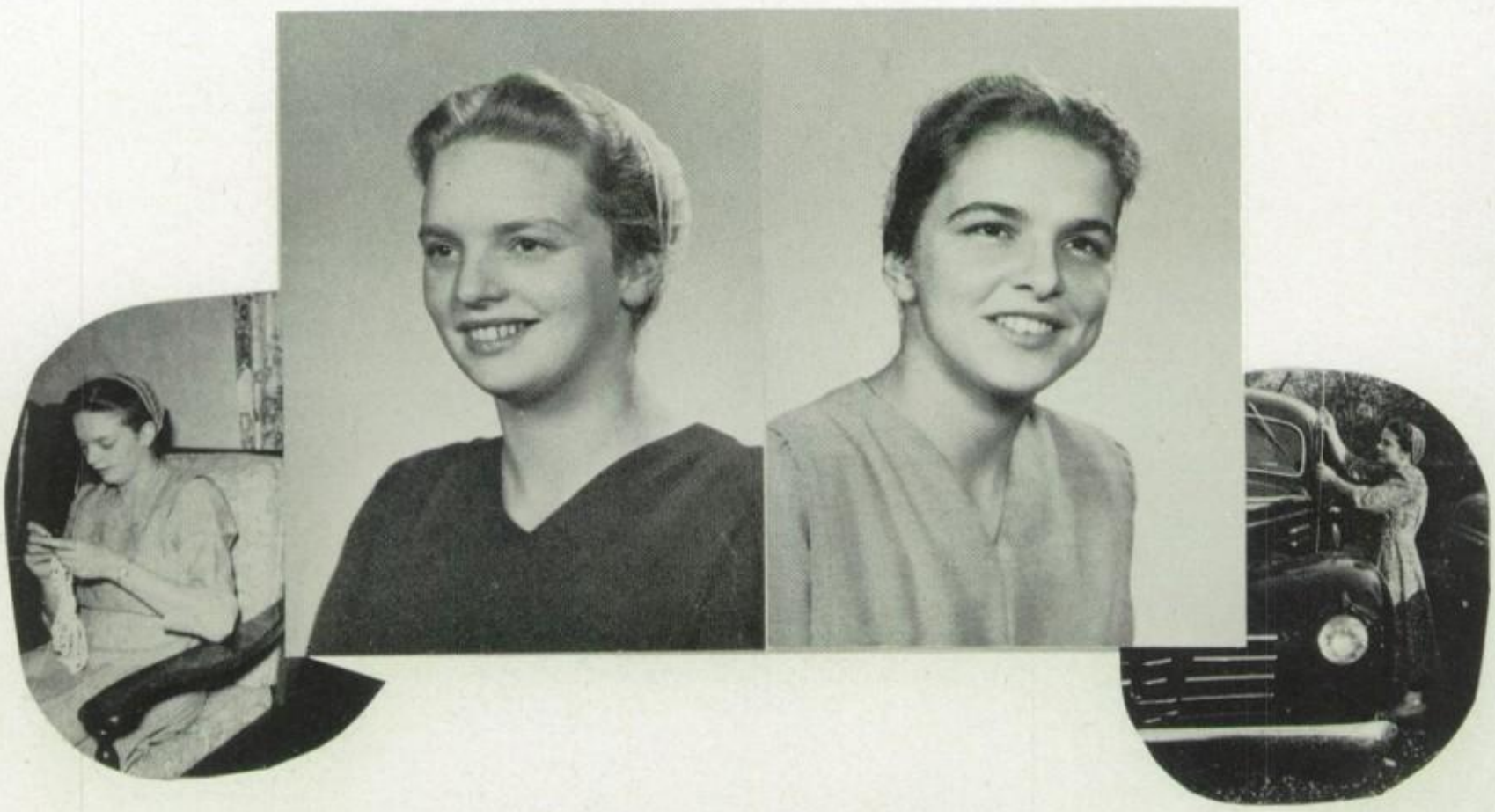
She's from Maryland and not ashamed of it . . . adds spice to dormitory life . . . sincere . . . friendly. "Would you please go over that again?"

Anna Mary Reed Route 1, East Earl, Pa.

Cultivates those womanly arts . . . clear complexion . . . unexpected quips . . . quiet water runs deep. "It doesn't look right like that."

Dorcas Magdalene Reed Route 1, East Earl, Pa.

Christian character . . . ready to speak her views . . . enjoys good music. "John, come and start this old car for me!"



Esther Brubaker Reed Goodville, Pa.

Unpredictable remarks . . . enjoys sketching and archery . . . feels at home behind the wheel. "Let's try it just once, shall we?"

John Mark Rutt 549 West Main Street, New Holland, Pa.

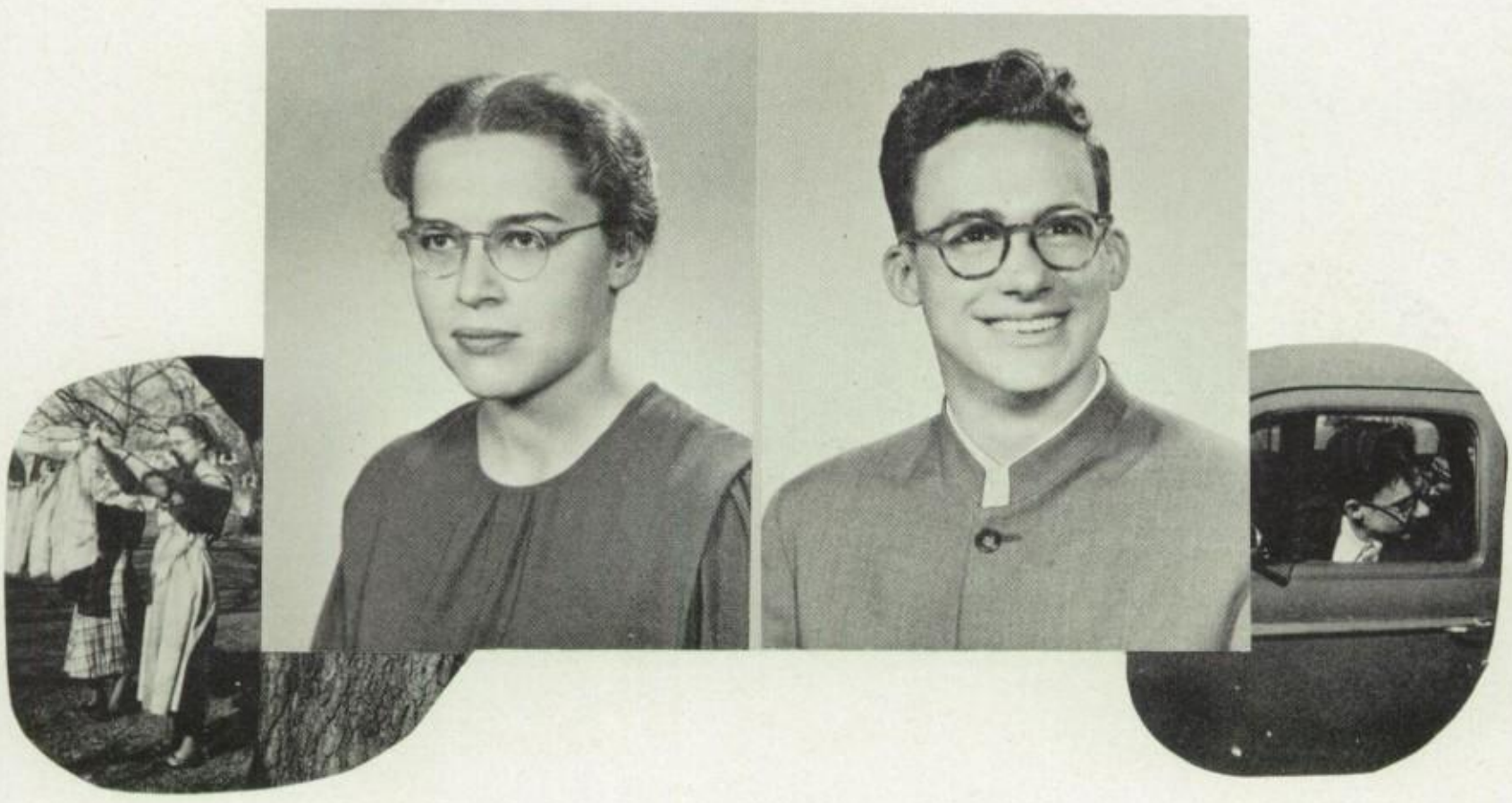
Scientific twist of mind . . . college-bound . . . wide range of interests . . . knows all about birds . . . characteristic spring in his walk. "Now don't forget to smile!"

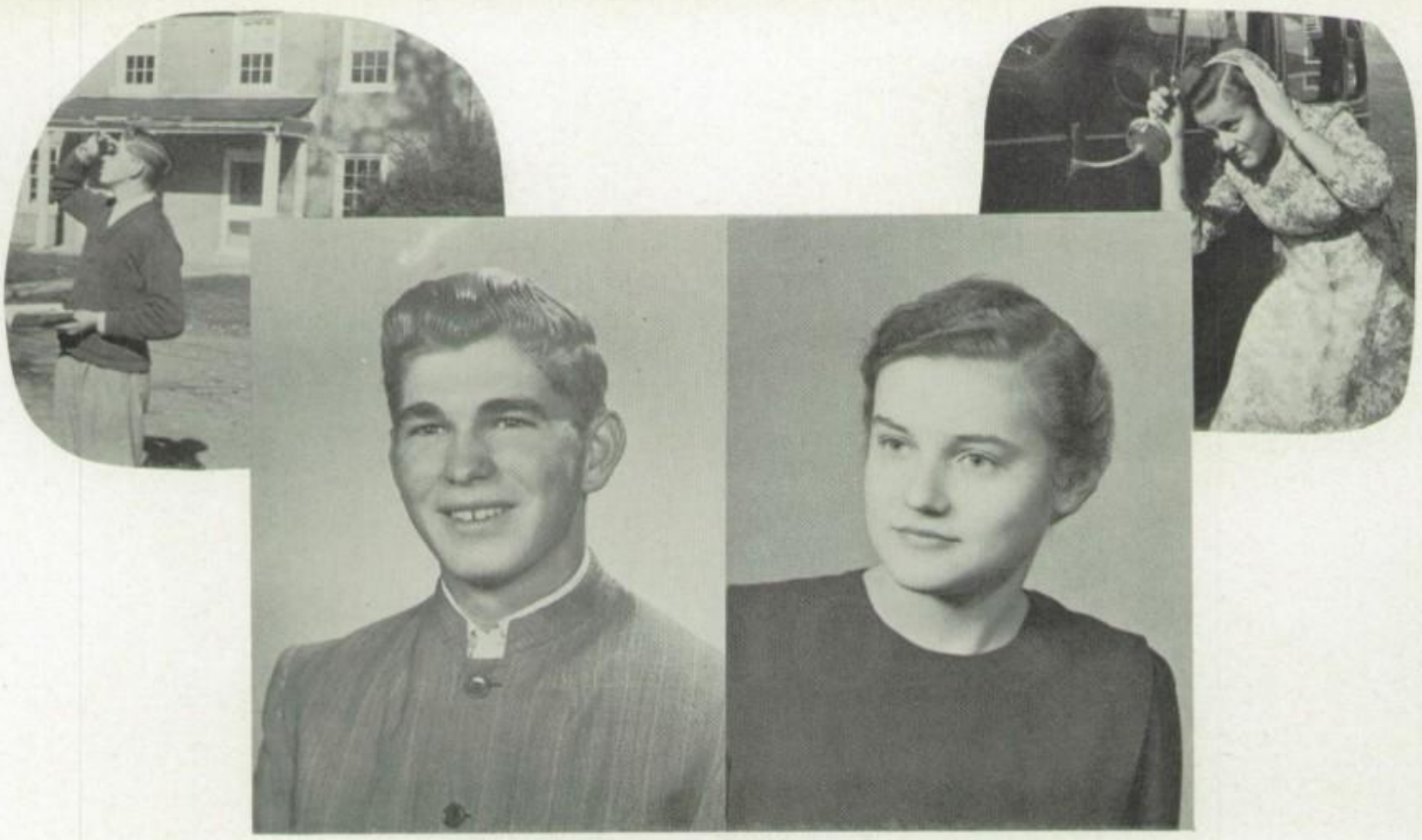
Janice Weaver Sensenig 362 West Main Street, New Holland, Pa.

Ladylike . . . considerate of others . . . quiet at times. . . . "Let's not go to breakfast; I'd rather sleep."

David Witmer Shenk Route 6, Lancaster, Pa.

Thinks through things logically . . . great yarn-spinner . . . enjoys a good argument . . . hearty chuckle. . . . "But the Africans sing in unison and it's very, very pretty."





Jonas Daniel Shertzer Route 1, Palmyra, Pa.

Sincere . . . gets the most out of school . . . likes to tinker with his Chevy . . . after school it's home on the farm for Daniel. "What kind of bird was that?"

Elizabeth Charles Shertzer Route 2, Box 417, Lancaster, Pa.

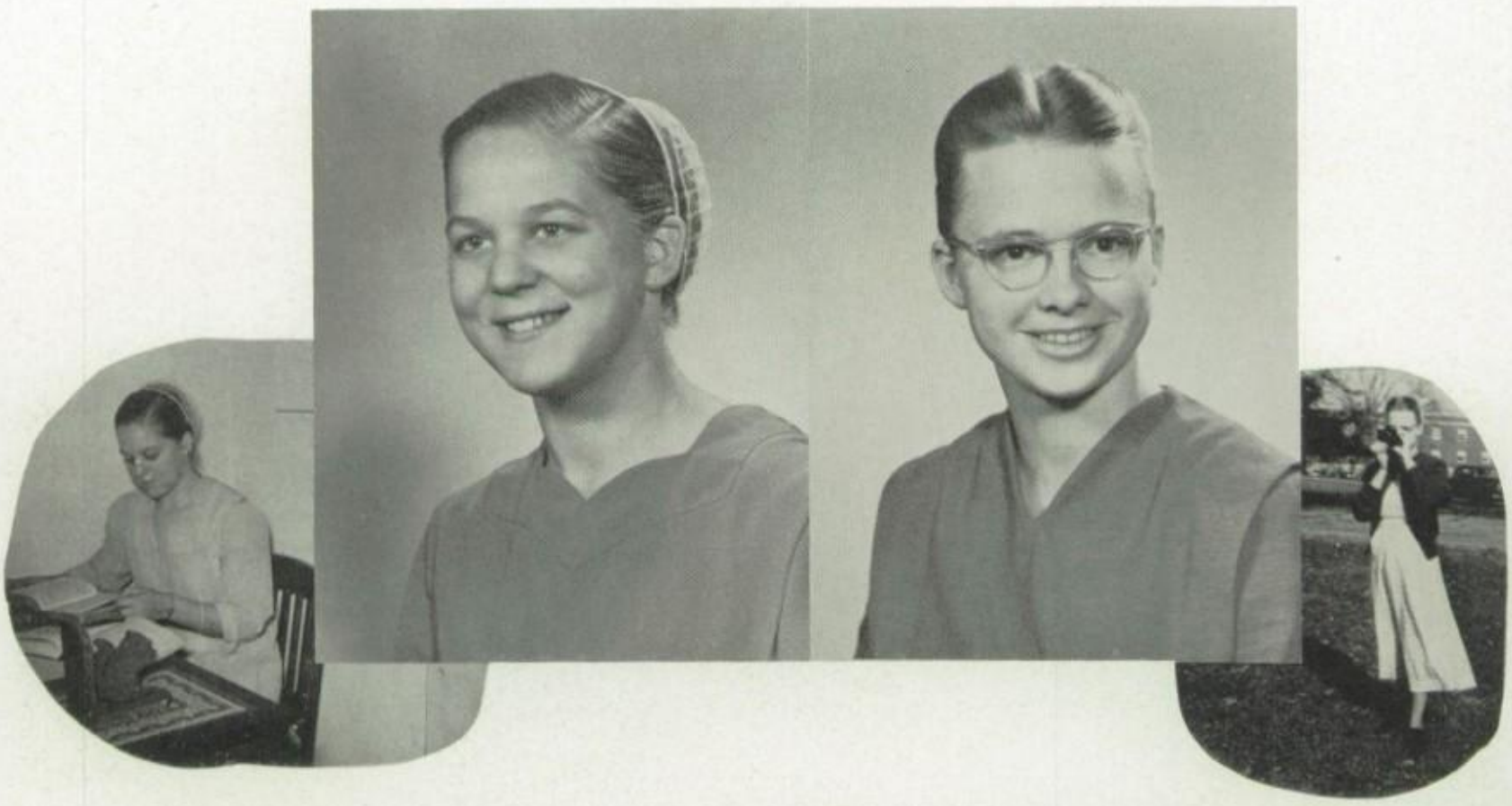
Good alto voice . . . congenial . . . likes basketball . . . reserved . . . friendly smile and impressive eyes. . . . "Sure, stay, I'll see that you get home."

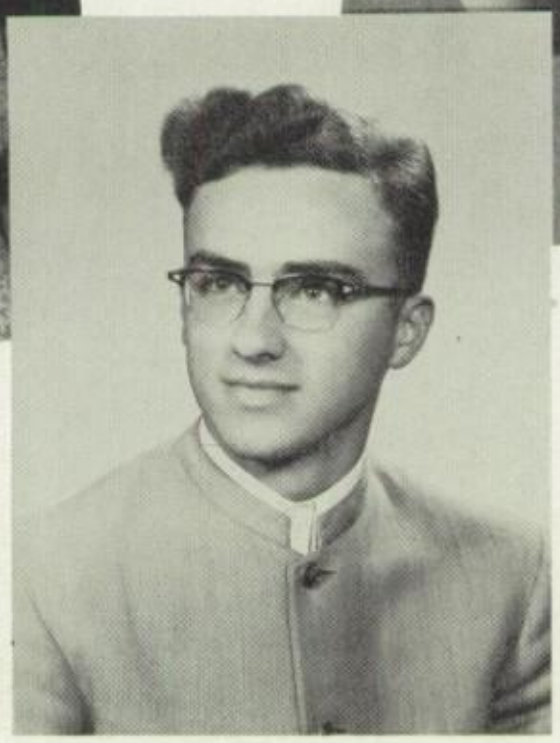
Anna Hess Shissler Route 2, Elizabethtown, Pa.

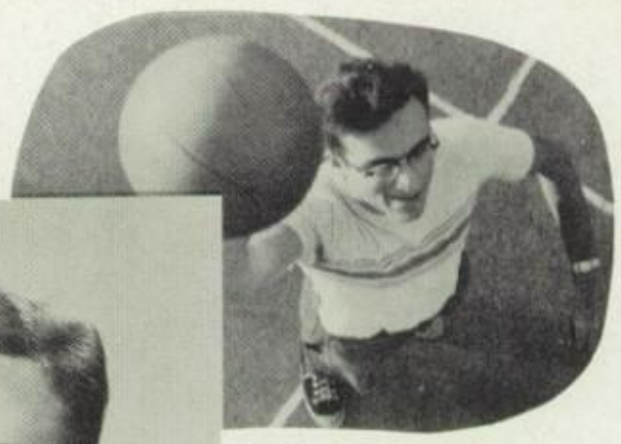
Shines in German . . . rather bashful at school . . . Dorothy's roommate . . . studies don't worry her . . . favorite sport—volleyball. . . . "No, I didn't think the test was hard."

Marie Lois Snavely Route 1, Lititz, Pa.

Likes to experiment and prove before believing . . . enjoys tennis . . . ladylike . . . "I believe in working, not shirking."







Jean Roberta Stanley 3204 North Twenty-second Street, Tampa, Fla.

Has a deep appreciation for nature . . . enjoys reading . . . artistic ability . . . best friend is everyone . . . a brain in English. . . . "I spoke Spanish to some Spanish ladies and they didn't even laugh!"

Harold Stehman Stauffer Route 3, Lancaster, Pa.

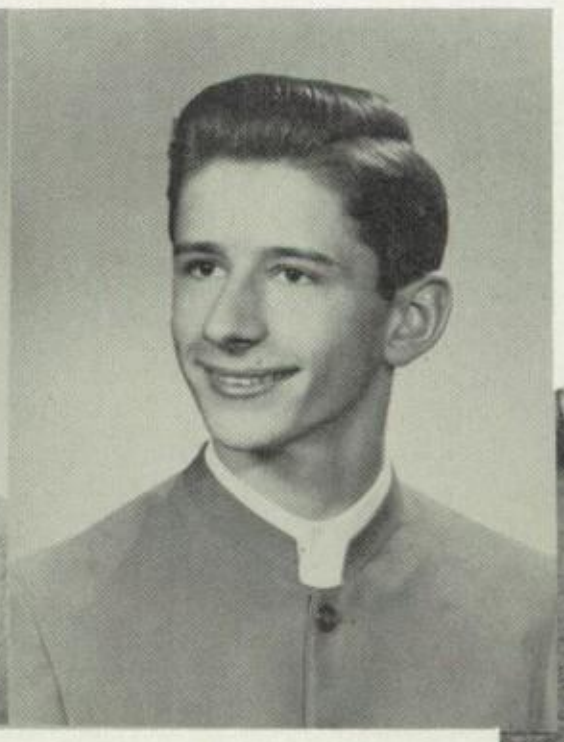
Brainy . . . would like to go to college . . . never a dry moment with Harold around . . . gentleman . . . musical ability. . . . "That's all right, you'll do better the next time."

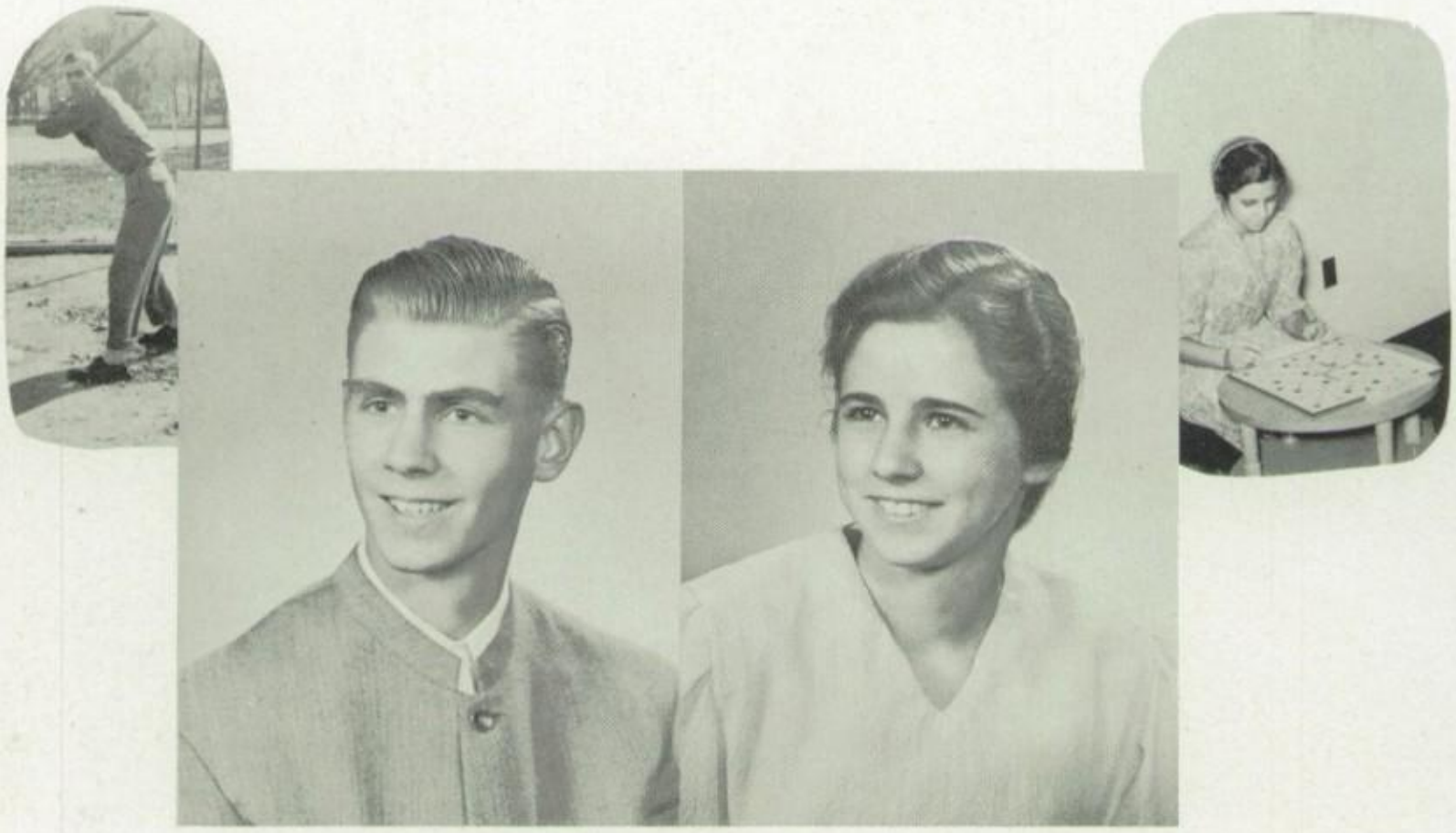
Dale Wilmer Stoltzfus Gap, Pa.

Talkative . . . sings tenor . . . ardent Plymouth fan . . . well groomed. . . . "Will I be pitching in softball today?"

Elvin Jacob Stoltzfus Morgantown, Pa.

Quiet friendliness . . . practical mind . . . relishes a book . . . talks about farming. . . . "This is the way I see it!"





John Kennel Stoltzfus Route 1, Bird in Hand, Pa.

Model enthusiast . . . bookworm . . . lively on the ball field . . . gentleman . . . thick blond hair . . . a mind for memorization. "Well, the plot of the whole story was this: The doctor wanted . . ."

Marian Earlene Stoner Route 1, Bainbridge, Pa.

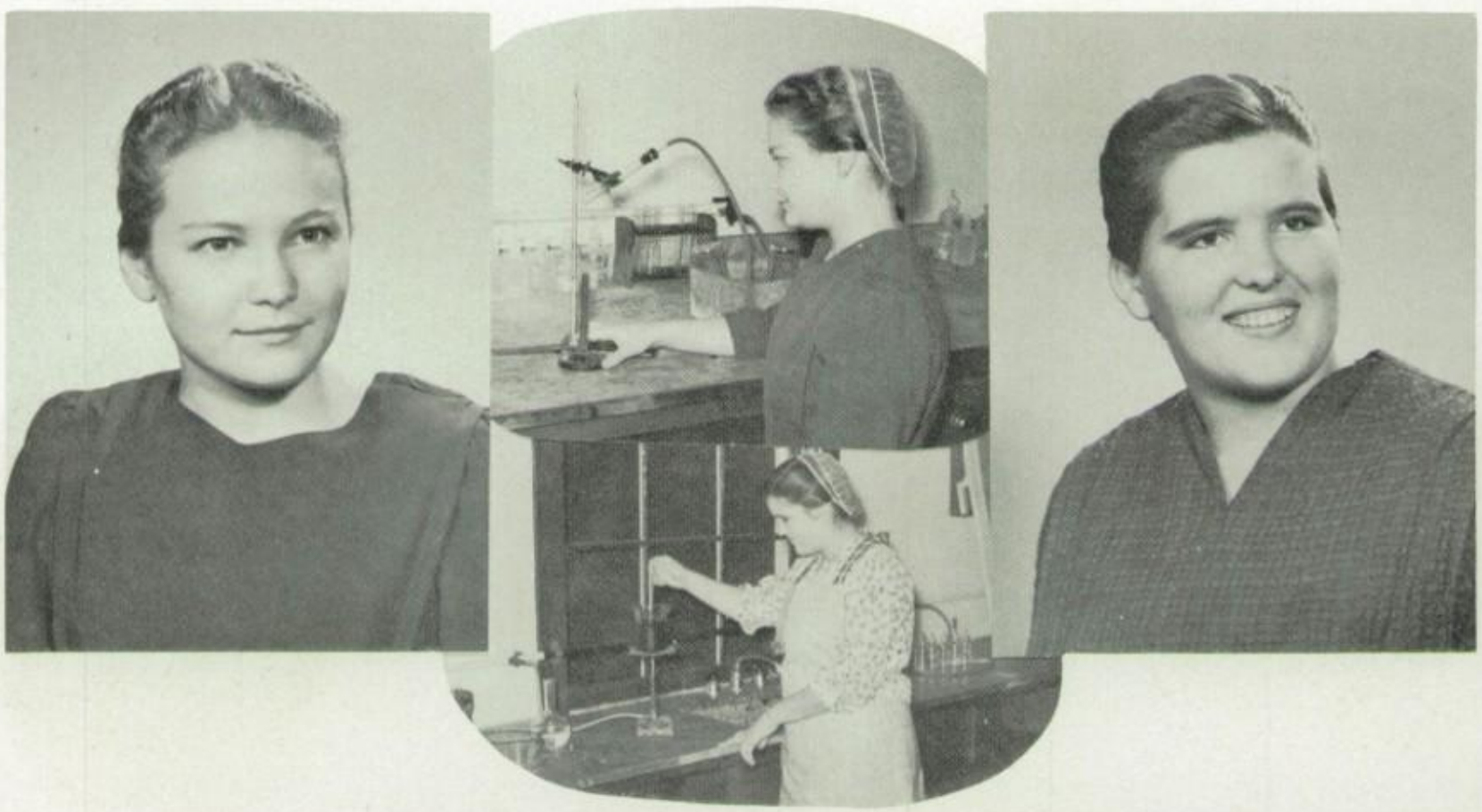
Likes to be with Connie . . . enjoys playing the piano . . . full of life . . . finds those P. O. D. discussions very interesting. "And by the way, did you hear what happened in the dorm last night?"

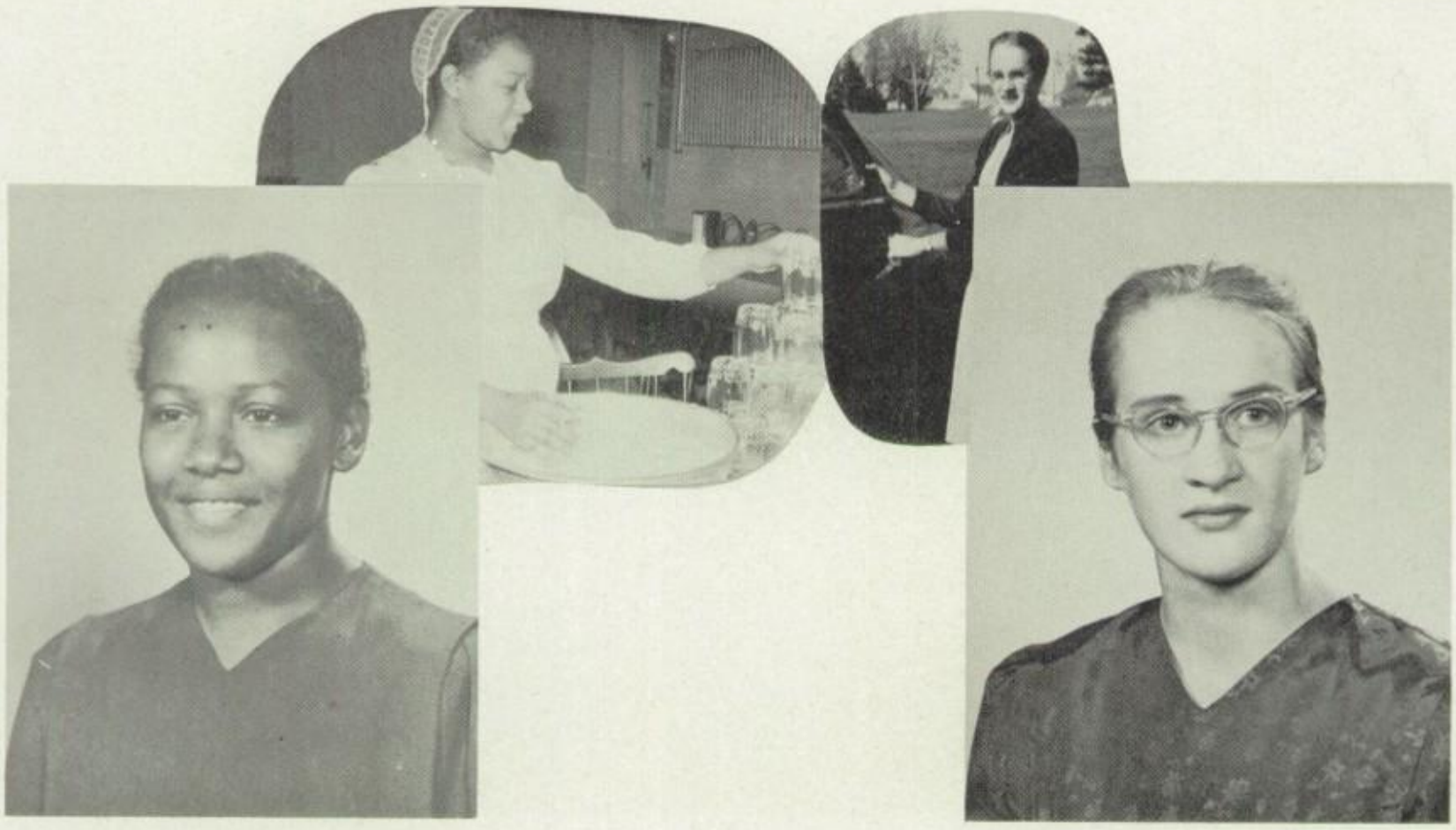
Betty Kathleen Strong Route 3, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Pretty dimples . . . loves chorus . . . sweet and shy . . . wields the badminton racket. . . . "Where's Florence?"

Verna Marie Sweigart Route 1, Gap, Pa.

Enjoys a hearty laugh . . . a twosome with Grace . . . a wry face shows her displeasure. . . . "I think some things are good to eat, but some things aren't, you know."





Dorothy Louise Taggart Route 1, Parkesburg, Pa.

Unpredictable . . . likes to tease . . . full of life . . . enjoys Spanish . . . "Que tiene Usted?"

Betty Romaine Weaver Route 1, Lititz, Pa.

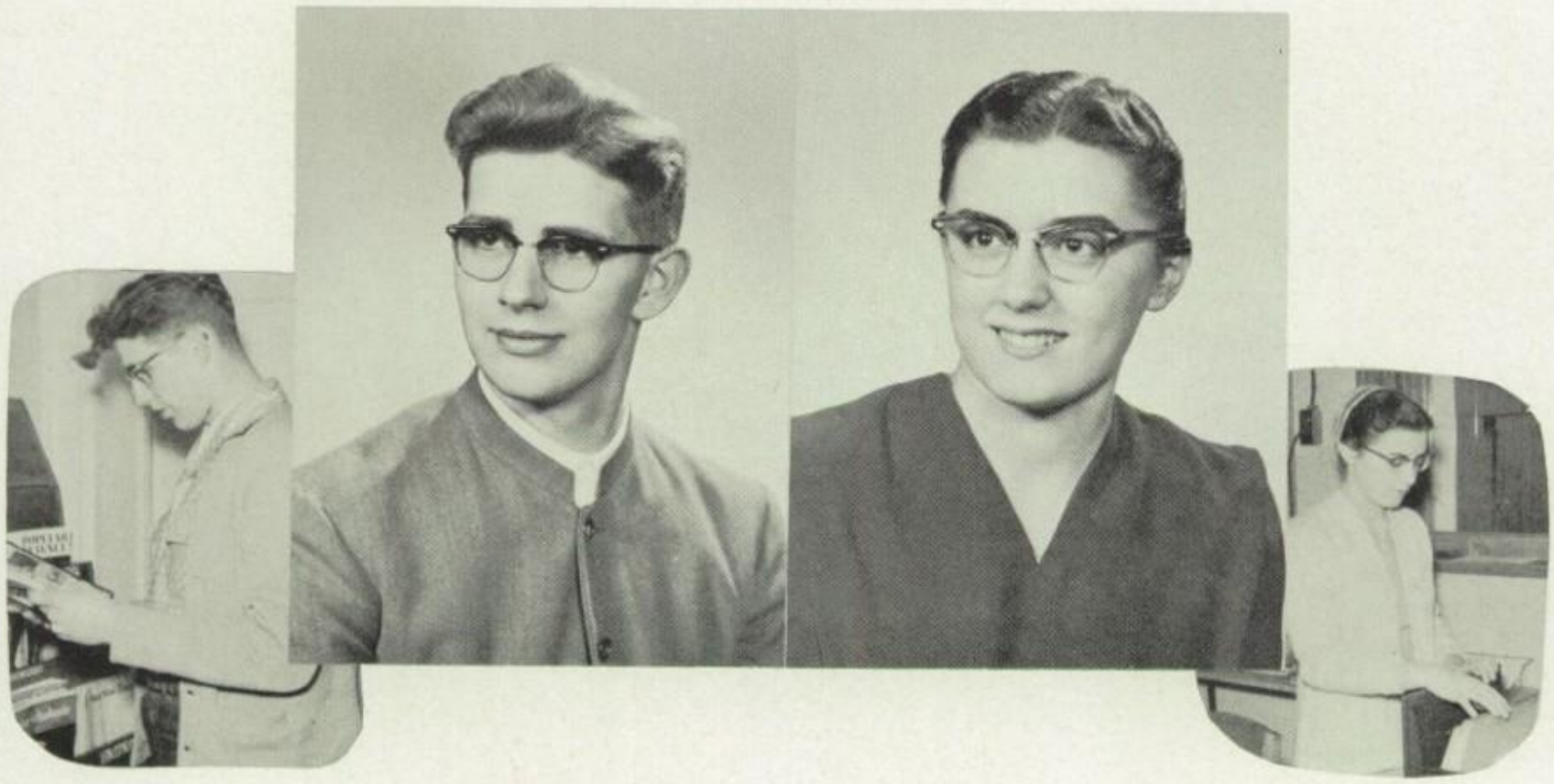
Enjoys sewing . . . shy . . . studious . . . dependable. . . . "No, that isn't right." . . . quiet and reserved.

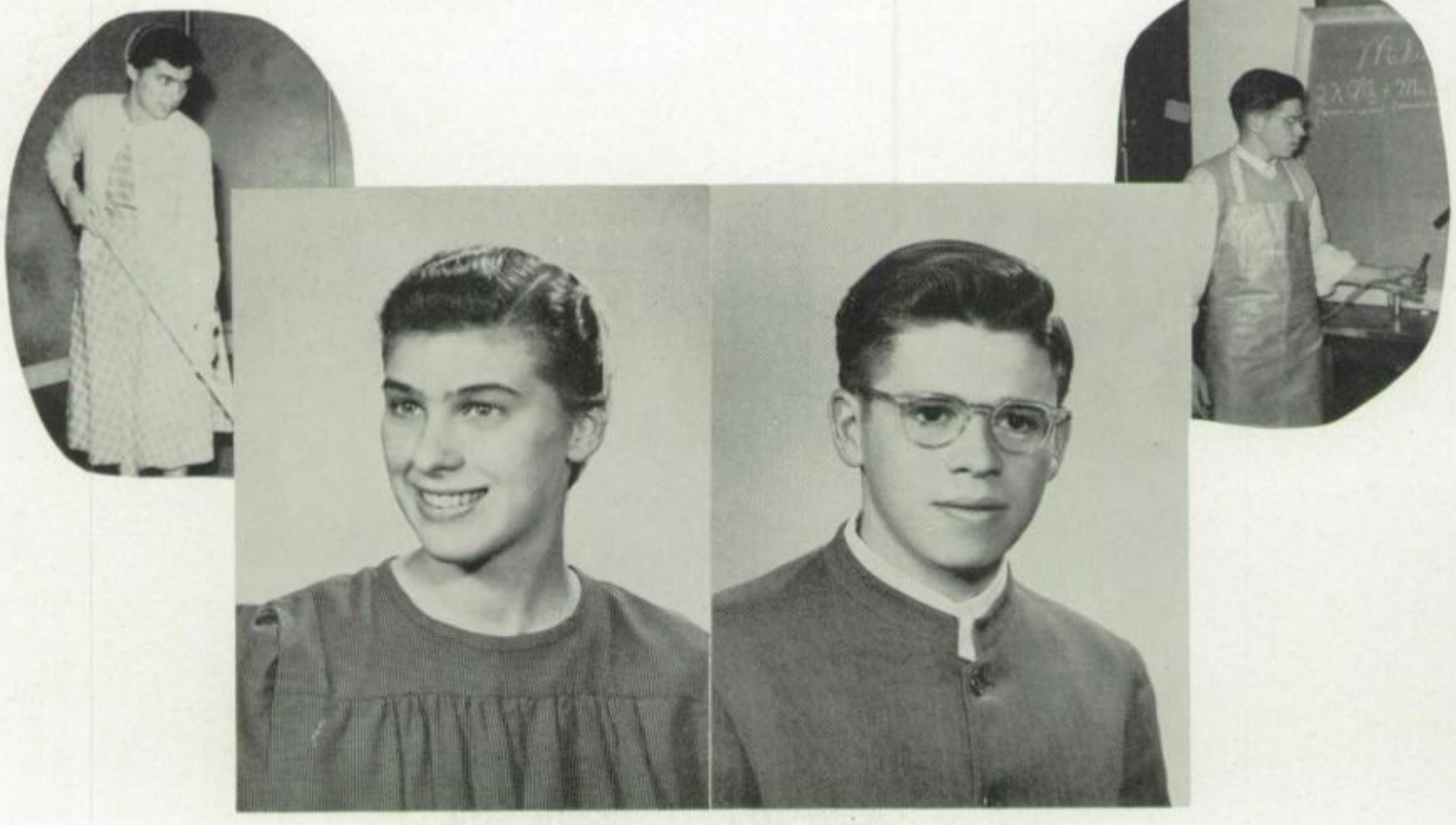
Marvin Leroy Weaver Route 1, East Earl, Pa.

Has a wide field of interests . . . musically inclined . . . enjoys a good joke . . . that laugh . . . would like to be a missionary. . . . "Hey Johann! Did you do your German yet?"

Miriam Landis Weaver Route 2, Ephrata, Pa.

Attractive . . . neat . . . enjoys books . . . cheerful . . . lots of fun. . . . "Geraldine was bothering me and I didn't get it done."





Ruth Elizabeth Weaver Route 4, Box 539, Lancaster, Pa.

Excellent in sports . . . a whiz on current events . . . next-door neighbor to L.M.S. . . . usually quiet . . . "I like to relax with good music."

Luke Denlinger Wenger Route 3, Manheim, Pa.

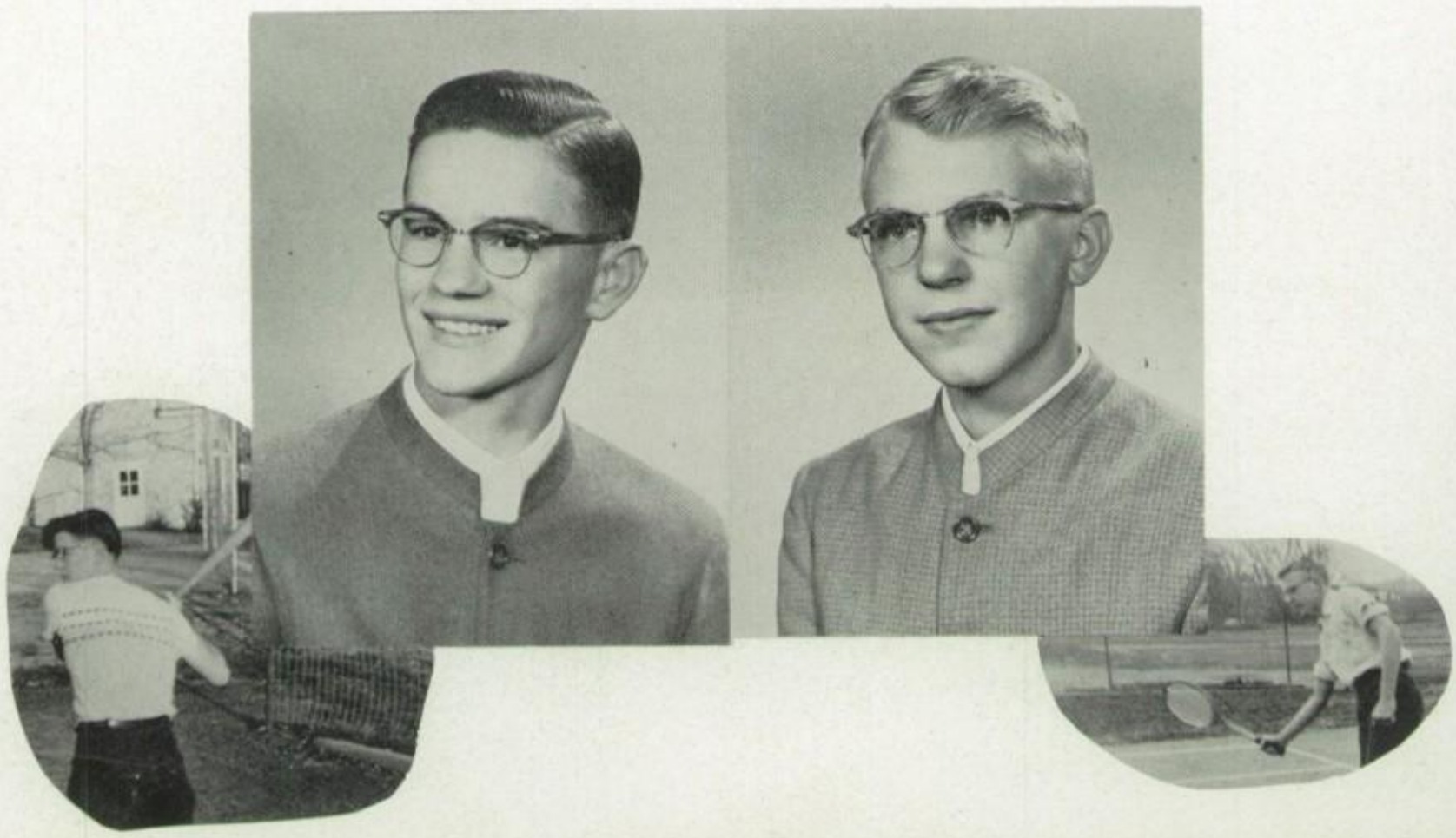
First impression is rather shy, but? . . . likes to drive Fords . . . enjoys reading . . . dairy farmer . . . brainy. "I wonder what would happen if we mixed these two chemicals."

Roy Eugene Wert Route 1, Bareville, Pa.

Mr. Shortstop . . . very conscientious . . . reserved . . . has college as goal . . . look at his grades! "Harold, come and help me with this chemistry problem."

Enos Ray Witmer 1729 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pa.

Christian gentleman . . . enjoys a good joke immensely . . . those readings! . . . golden crown . . . "I try to be funny sometimes and"— He always succeeds.



Kathryn Grace Witmer Route 1, Columbia, Pa.

Dark hair and flashing eyes . . . polite . . . expert in typing. . . . "Well, dontcha think I did it now!"

Edith Virginia Yoder Millmont, Pa.

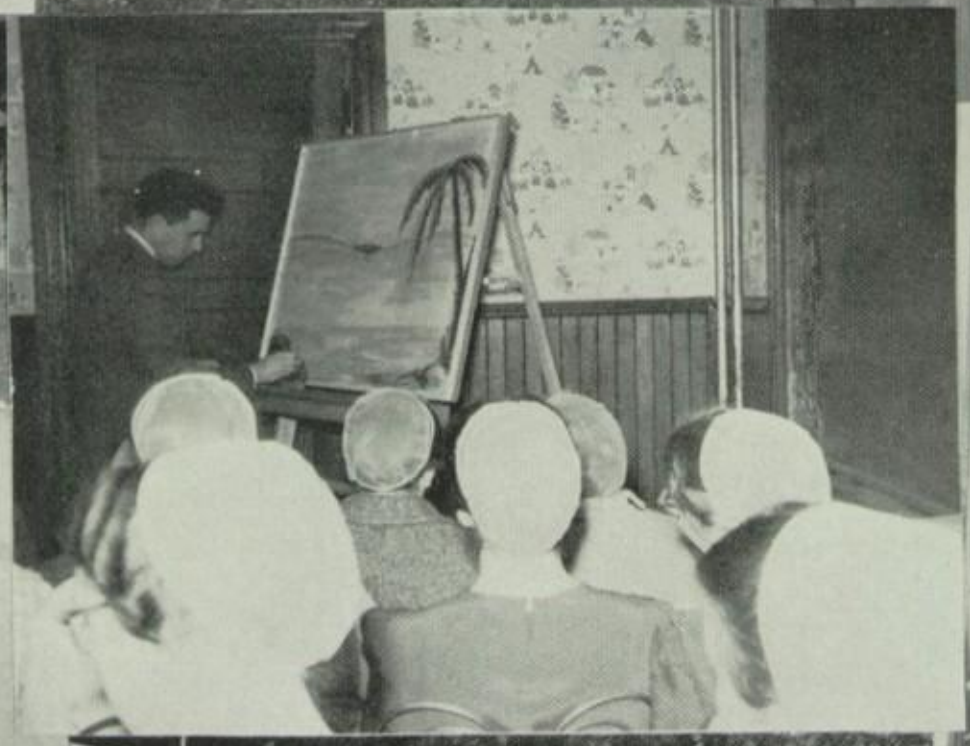
Hearty laugh . . . hard worker . . . sticks to her convictions . . . enjoys a good discussion . . . friendly to everyone . . . future R.N. "I didn't quite agree with him on that."

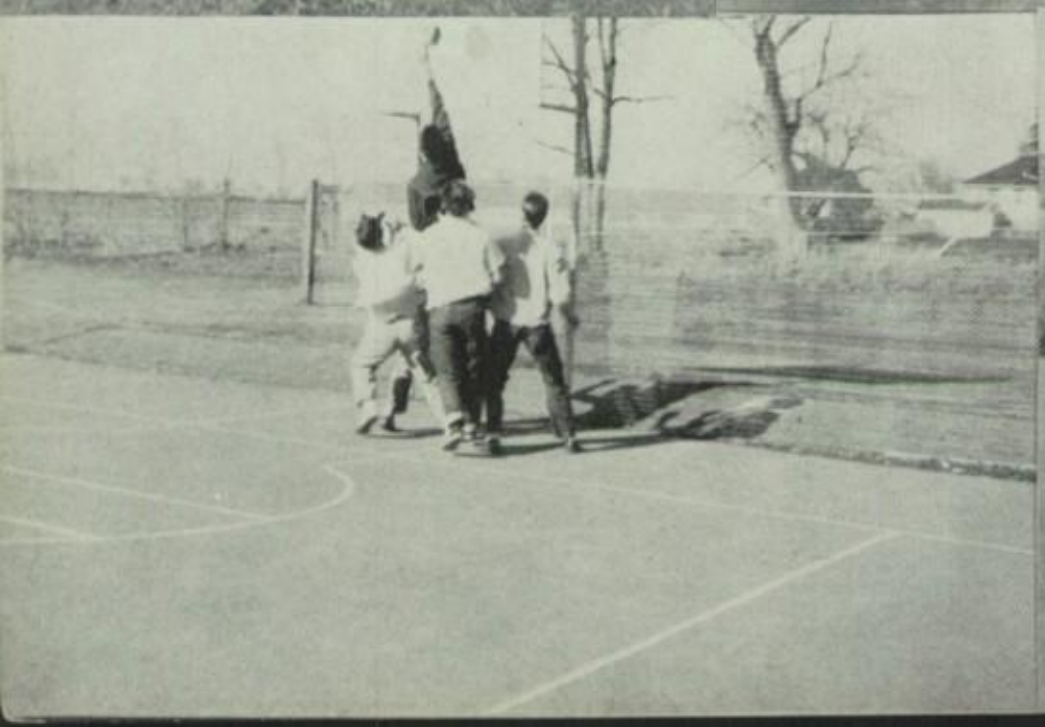
Earl Bucher Zimmerman 142 South Grant Street, Manheim, Pa.

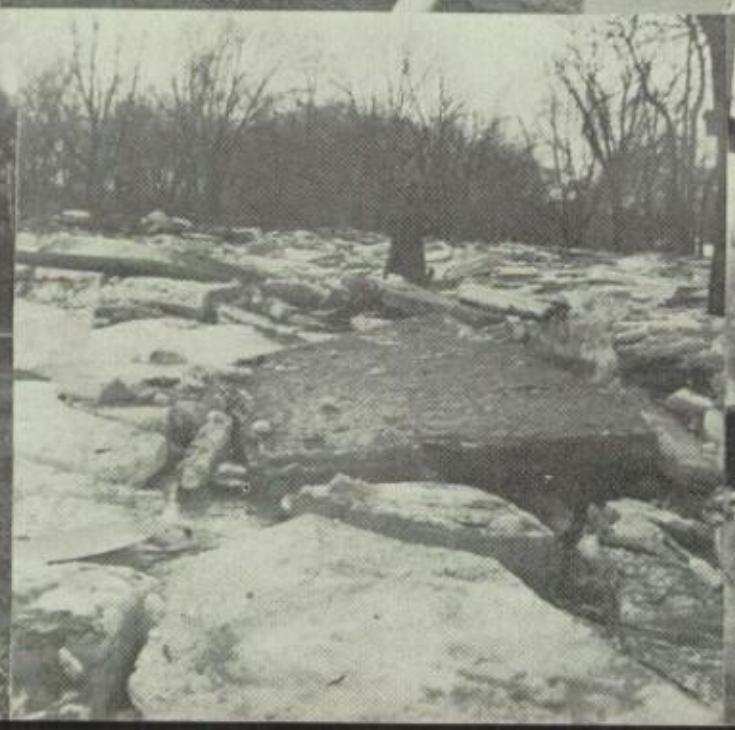
Prefers basketball games to concerts . . . there is 6′ 4″ of him . . . big tease. . . . "Aw, I don't know about that.". . . future accountant.

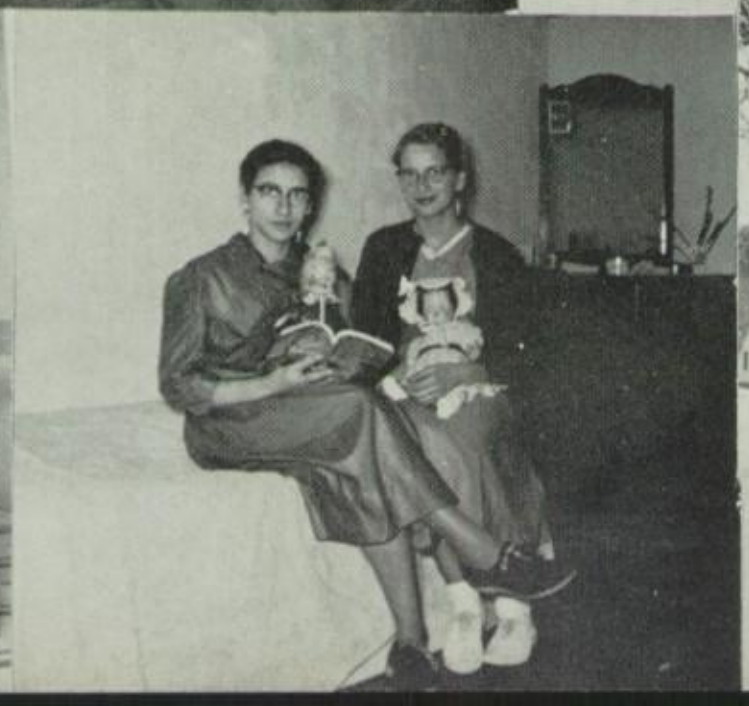
Jacob Harold Zook Manatawny, Pa.

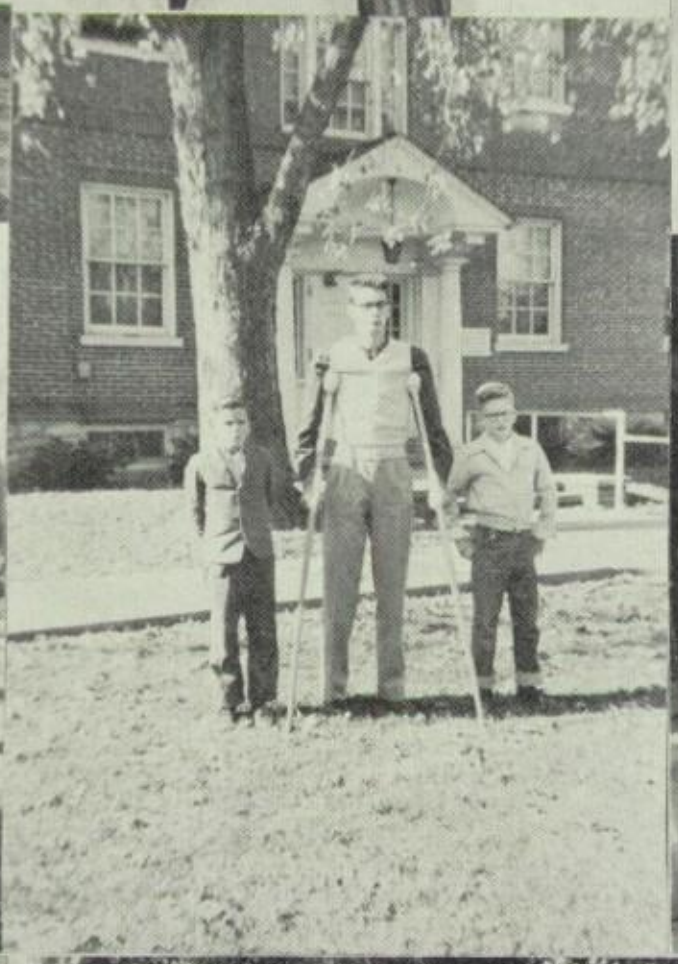
Enjoys deep-sea fishing . . . capable public speaker . . . enjoys a good joke. . . . "Some people like to sigh but that's not me."

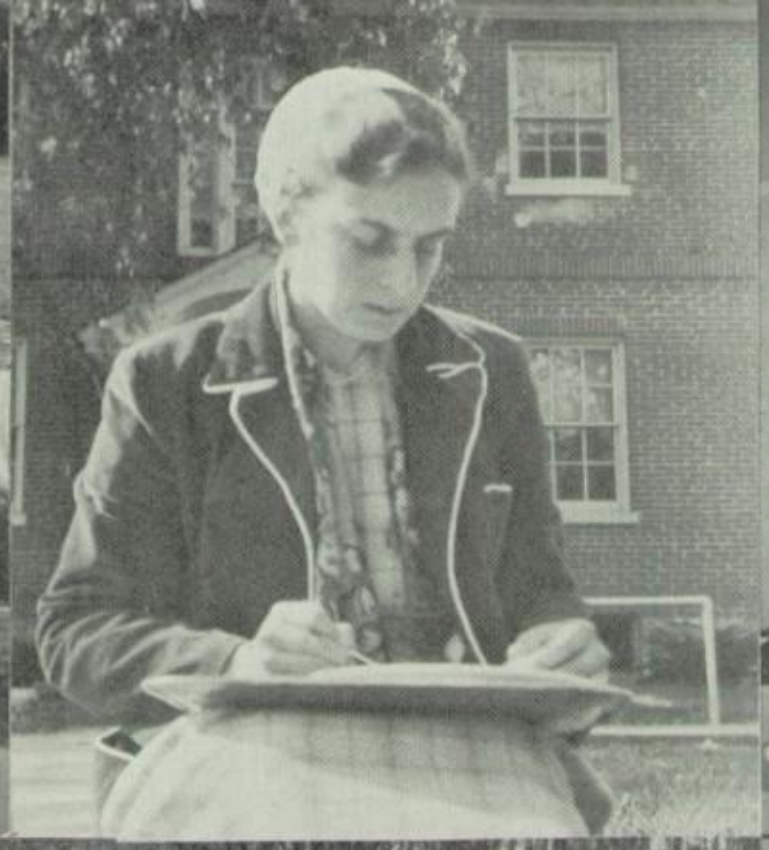


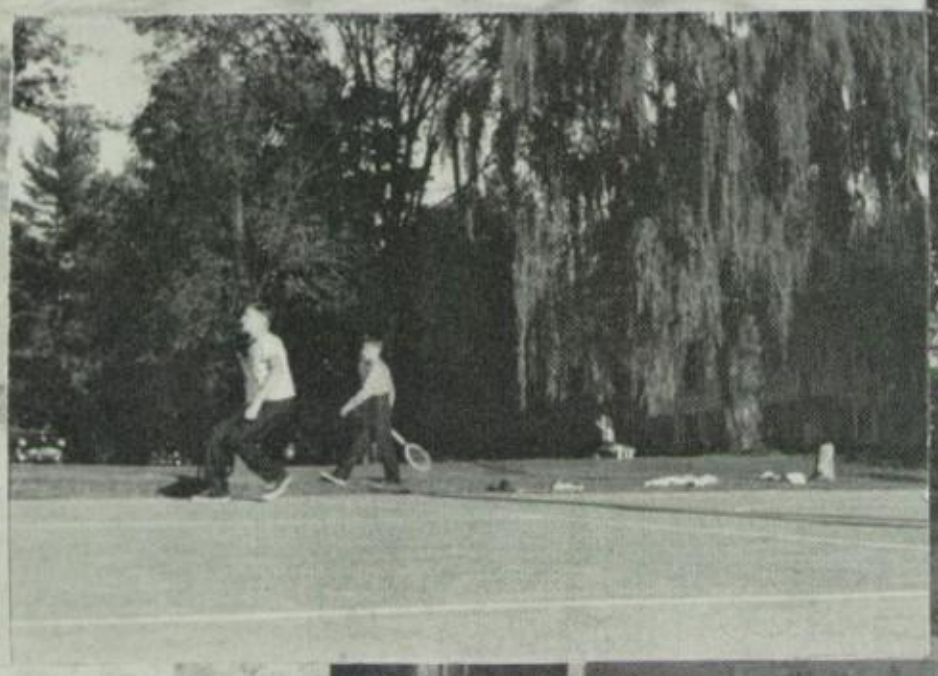


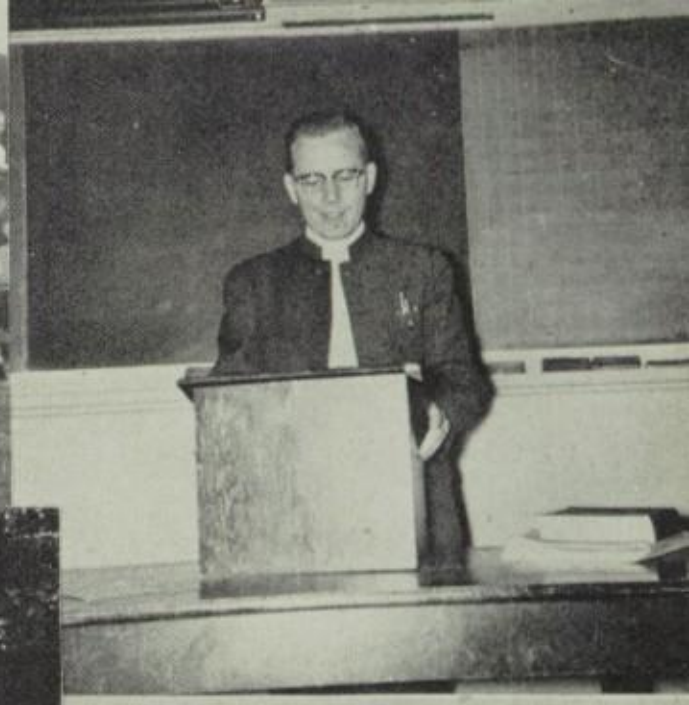


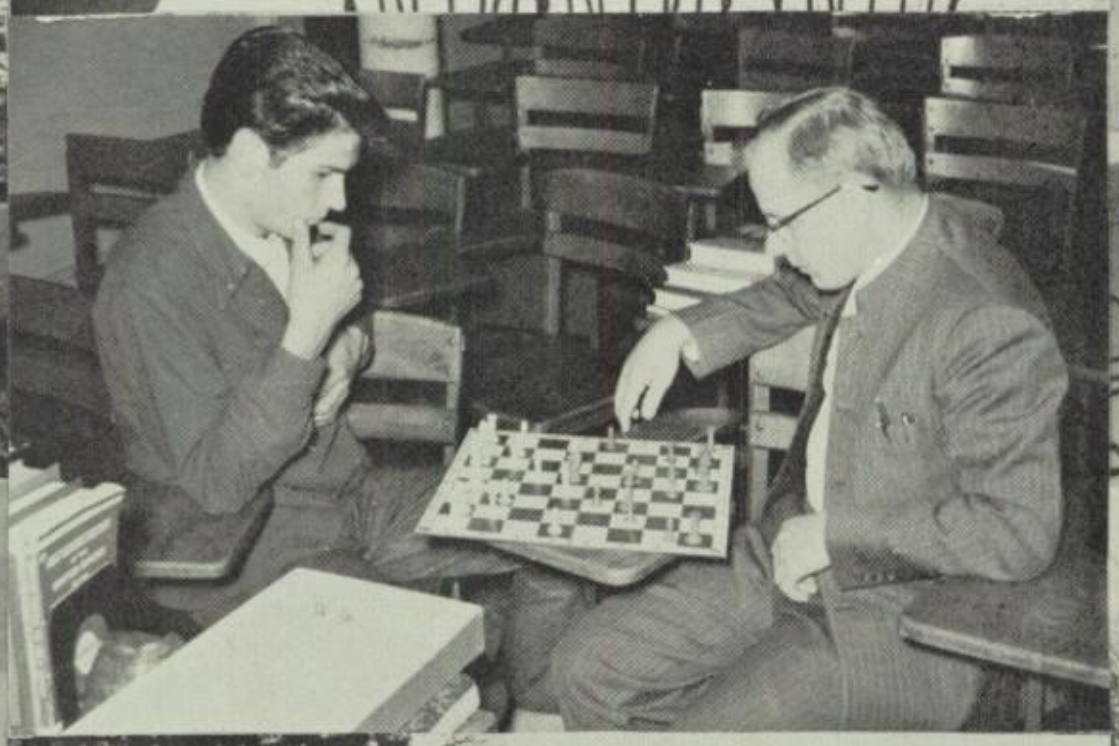


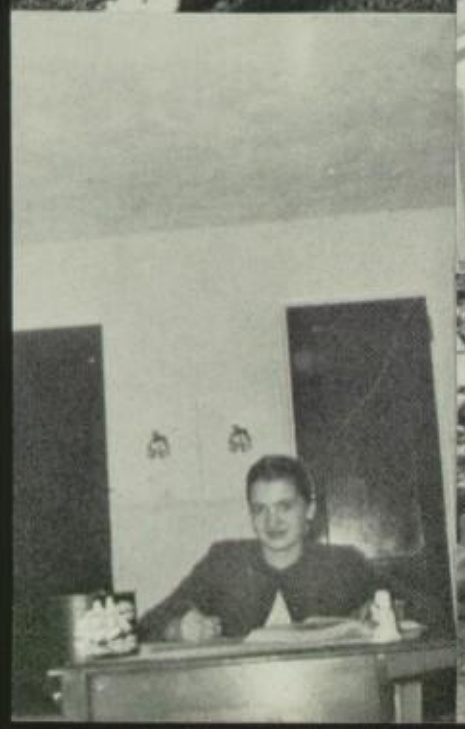












Forward In Faith

Forward in Faith—what a challenge we see
Trusting and moving and cong'ring for Thee!
Singing Thy praises we can bridge the unknown
By kneeling and praying for grace at Thy Throne.

Forward in Faith—earthly strivings will cease,
Breathing each breath with the calm of His peace,
Casting all cares at the foot of the cross
By faith lift the load counting all else but dross.

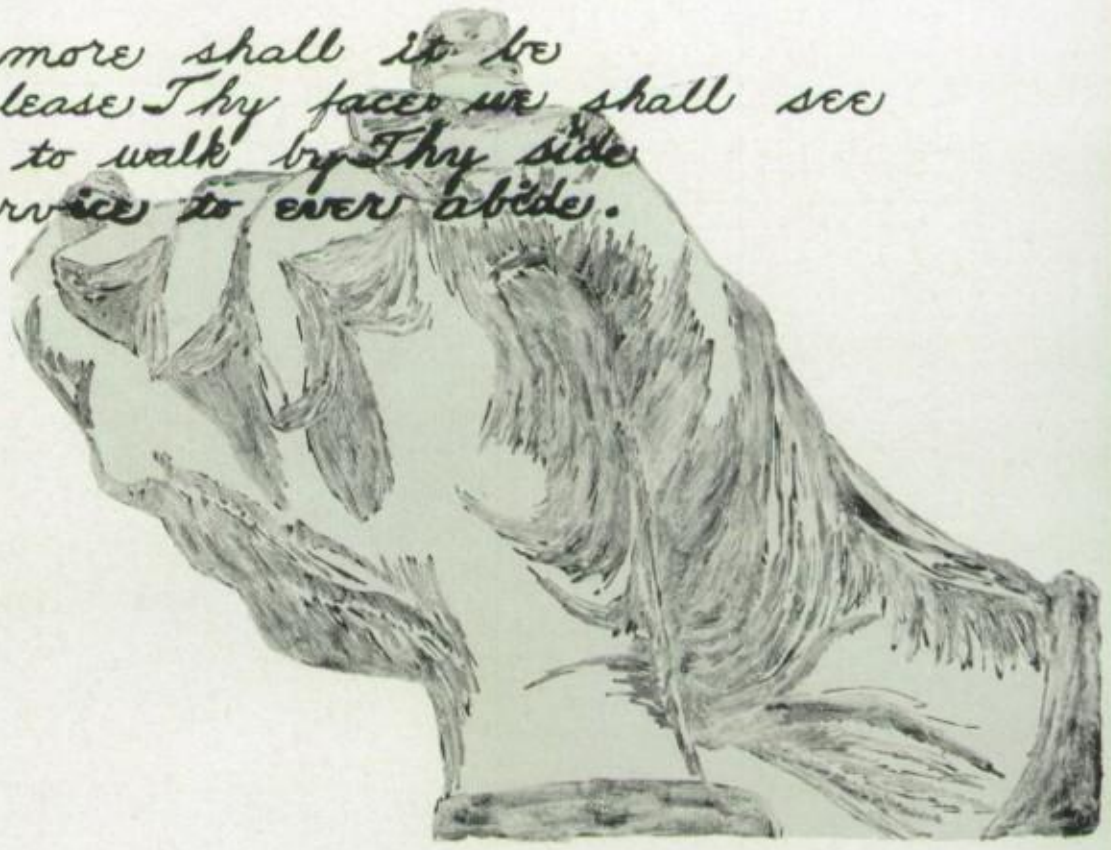
Forward in Faith—our tasks to fulfill
As love leads the way and we trust in His will,
Not anxiously fretting or asking the why
But Forward in Faith, faith to live or to die.

Forward in Faith—taking God at His word
In patience serenely trusting the Lord
Our paths ahead never asking to see
But trusting His promise "My Grace is for Thee."

Forward in Faith—the victory is ours
To triumph o're sin and its dark evil powers
To triumph o're heartaches, discouragements, tears',
Conquering sorrows—death and its fears.

Forward in Faith—no more shall it be
When with blessed release Thy face we shall see
Help us dear Father, to walk by Thy side
And in Thy sweet service to ever abide.

by
Lois Hurst



Forward In Faith

Lois Xrady — Harold Stauffer

1. Oh, glor-ious Christ, grant strength and might
2. Oh, Christ, by faith, to Thee we cling
3. Lord, keep our friendships pure we pray.
4. Oh God in Thee our strength re- new.

To walk by faith and not by sight.
And rest on Thy un- fail - ing wing.
For - ward in faith, we can - not stray.
Our false hopes van - ish, Thou art true.

Cast o'er the sin - ful - ness of life
If doubts or fears make us to fall,
Our eyes, by faith, see on the tree
When loy - al lives find their re - ward,

The light of faith, that ends all strife.
For help and strength on Thee we call.
Our Friend, the Christ of Cal - va - ry.
For - ward in faith leads to the Lord.

Underclassmen

Donald Martin, President; Donald Sensenig, Vice-President; Doris J. Mellinger, Secretary; Helen Hershey, Treasurer

Junior Class

The juniors
- —are directed by Jesse Byler
- —are the smallest class
- —inhabit commercial building
- —have four members in Student Forum
- —sympathize with classmates who are giving Student Religious Program topics
- —are often intrigued by History Projects
- —went caroling at Christmas
- —have a male quartet
- —are hot in softball
- —take turns walking on crutches
- —have started to pick a motto
- —staged an excellent outing for the seniors
- —can't wait till next year
- —are heirs to the seniors
- —are part of Lancaster Mennonite School

Dear Juniors,

As we are about ready to leave school, we must be sure to give our farewell to you. With deep appreciations we remember Lancaster Mennonite School and all she has done for us. But as we look to the future we see unlimited opportunities for her. You will be seniors next term, taking the initiative of the students. We sincerely wish you God's blessing to do your part in making Lancaster Mennonite School as God would have her. Thanks for being fine schoolmates this year.

Sincerely,
THE SENIOR CLASS

John Leonard, President; William Leatherman, Vice-President; Joy Glick, Secretary; Anna Lois Graybill, Treasurer

Sophomores

We sophomores are a happy group
We number eighty-eight.
There's twenty-nine of us who live
At school through night and day.
There's fifty-nine who find their way
To beat home every night.
But anyhow where'er we be
We duties find to do.

We sophomores also have a plan
To check our daily speech.
When we observe a grammar error
We write it on a slip.
We need to watch our grammar
So we don't get lots of slips.
Another thing we have to do
Is e'en to write a poem.
So here's a sample you must read
Of what a sophomore wrote:

The Ant

The busy ant works hard all day
And never stops to rest or play.
He carries things five times his size
And never grumbles, whines, or cries.
And even climbing flower stalks
He always runs, he never walks.
And though I praise his boundless vim
I really am not fond of him.

Remarks that may be heard are such:

"It has a direct object so it has to be transitive."
"What is the square root of five?"
"Sister Wenger, how do you translate this Latin work?"
"Mister President, I make a motion that . . . ."
"How many samples do you have for your biology project?"

Freshmen

Arthur Sensenig, President; Eugene Horning, Vice-President; Mary Mosemann, Secretary; Mary Leaman, Treasurer

SEARCH

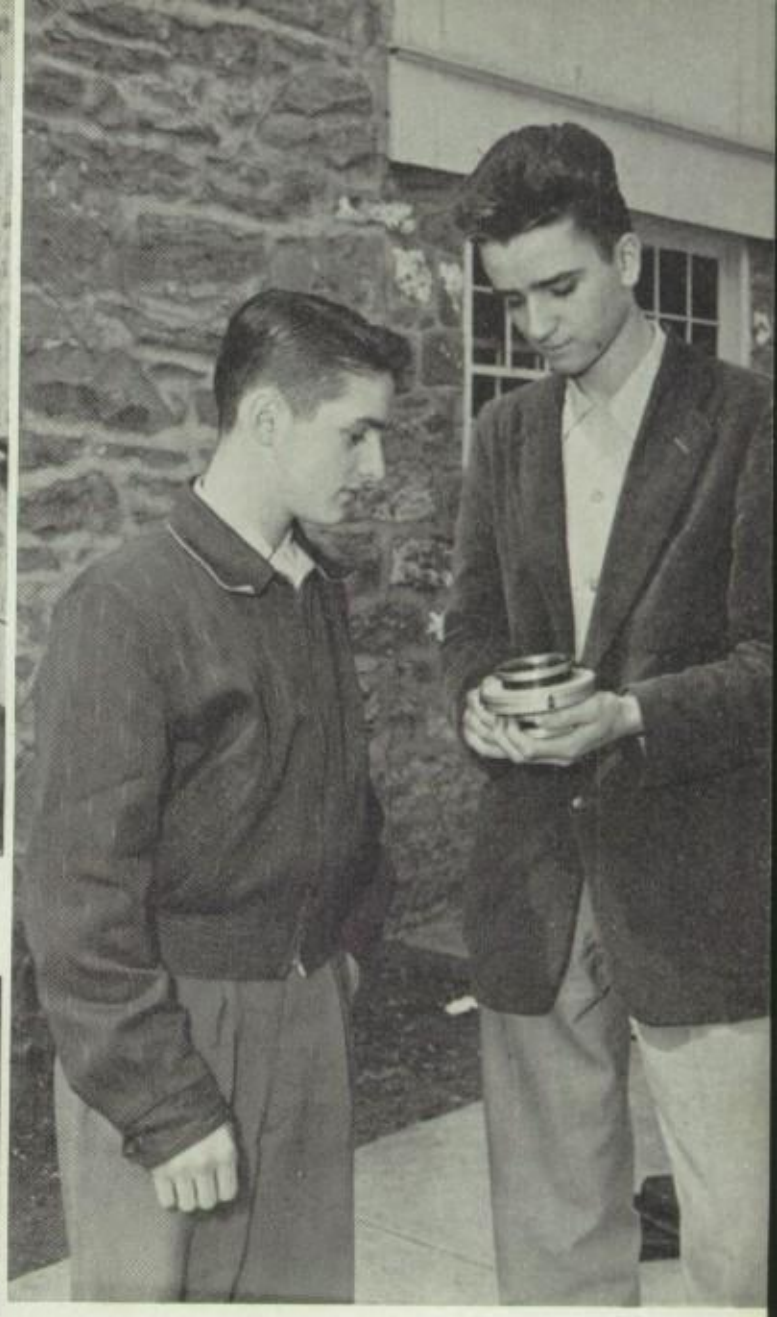
Alma Mater, we your children,
  Seek the way our Master knew.
To your portals come we asking;
  Lead us to the good and true.

Guide us to the doors of knowledge;
  Give to us a love for truth.
Show us secrets hid in nature.
  Mark clear roadways for our youth.

Alma Mater, we would know Him
  Whom to know is life indeed.
We are asking for your guidance;
  Stoop to meet our smallest need.

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Student Pastor Interview



Student Fellowship

Supervising Committee— Noah G. Good, Amos W. Weaver, Clyde B. Stoner

Meditation

Chapel

The quiet expectancy of waiting worshipers . . . humbled receptive hearts . . . calm, clear tones of the inspired speaker . . . the silence of God's voice.

Pleadings for pardon from sin . . . heartfelt adoration ascending to God . . . welcome guidance for youthful ambitions . . . deeper consecration to God . . . a strong feeling of responsibility to the church . . . challenges to meet . . . strengthened convictions . . . a renewed concern for lost souls . . . a deeper hatred for sin.

The rising incense of sincere prayer . . . youthful voices blended in praise . . . sacred memories lingering.

MARY LOIS PETRE

Student Religious Program

There are those experiences throughout the routine week of school which make living itself a deeper blessing. Of these, Student Religious Program holds a unique place because it is a program in which we students participate. This participation includes leading the student body in singing, discussing one of the topics, conducting the opening devotional period or moderating the meeting. Tuesday morning programs are especially well appreciated because the student is given the opportunity to express his opinions. The well-timed remarks of the principal are a fitting conclusion to each program.

EILEEN HART

Conjoint Prayer Circle

Thursday evening! Yes, we met together, boys and girls, in the large front room on the second floor of the girls' dormitory for weekly conjoint prayer circle. There in quietness we received challenges for our present and future lives. We sang and prayed together; we meditated on God's Word; we grew spiritually. Those were happy times.

A faculty member, or occasionally a visiting speaker, brought to us the words of life and wisdom. The memory of those evenings is hallowed. May those who succeed us also enjoy the privilege of these uplifting times.

HULDAH M. GRAYBILL

Morning Watch

An unusual silence always prevailed in the dormitory at 7:40 each morning.

Peeping into our lives you would have found our thoughts reaching heavenward. For in this quiet atmosphere we have received the spiritual strength which was so essential throughout our high school days. Our omniscient Guide, through His Word, inspired us and revealed promises which filled our individual needs. We communed with God through prayer and found Him so willing to carry our burdens and solve our problems.

As we went to classes we had a melody in our hearts and the sweet consciousness of His abiding presence because we started the day right—with God.

MARY ELLEN MYER

Tract Band

Teaching a Sunday School Class

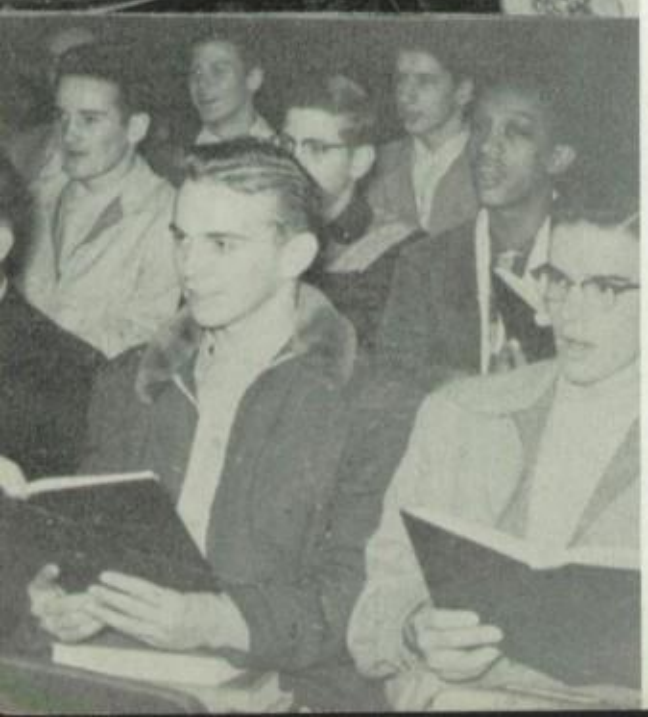
Stylus

Personal Evangelism

Church History

Activities

A Day at L. M. S.



(1) Oh, how I wish I could regulate that clock. It must skip a few hours after I finally drift into dreamland.

(2) Since my "awakening bell" was the breakfast bell, the consequences have been suffered (no breakfast). Preparation for the day is being finished.

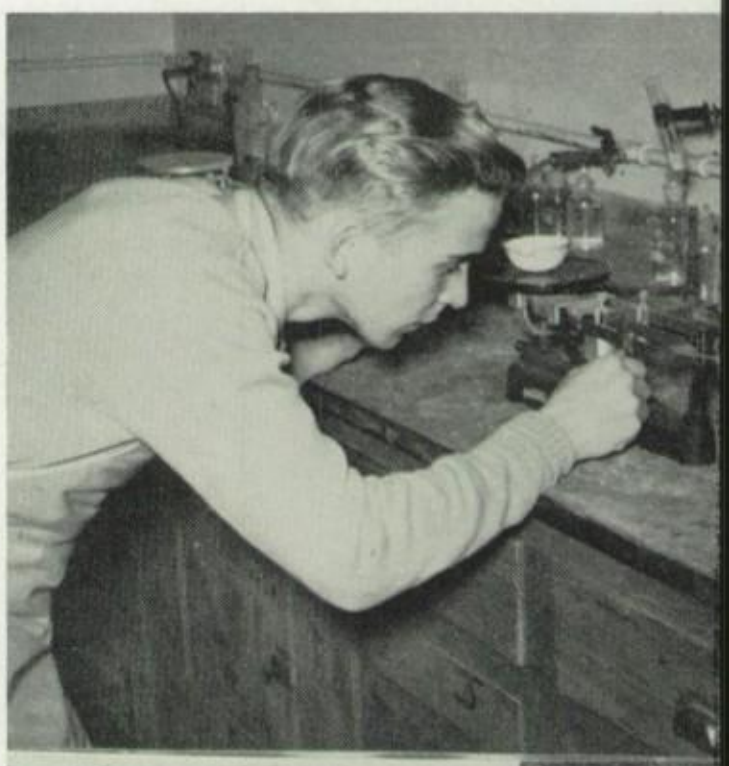
(3) The growth of the soul is by far the most important; therefore there must never be a spiritual meal missed.

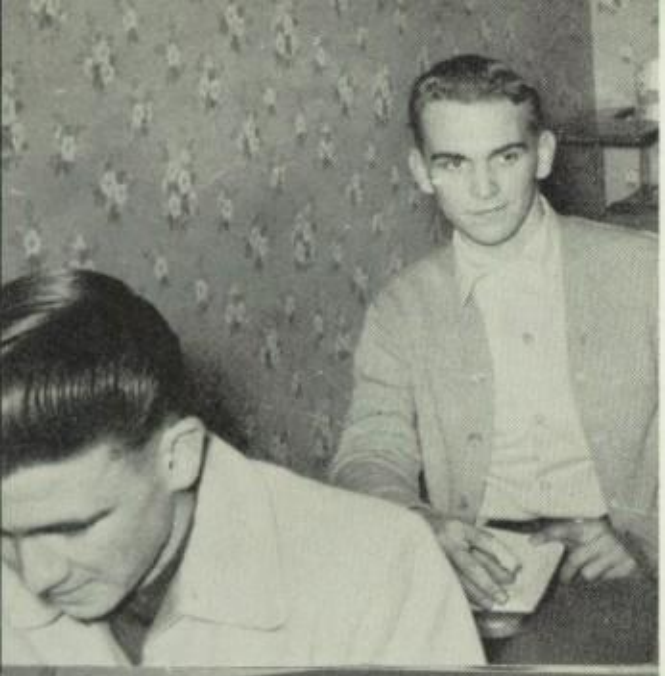
(4) All students who attend L.M.S. assemble together in chapel to have an inspiring worship experience which gives us a proper start for the day.

(5) Water is composed of the elements hydrogen and oxygen. Oxygen supports burning and hydrogen burns, but their combination is used to stop burning. How strange!

(6) After a morning of study one usually finds himself with a sizable appetite, which is appeased for a while with a tasty dinner.

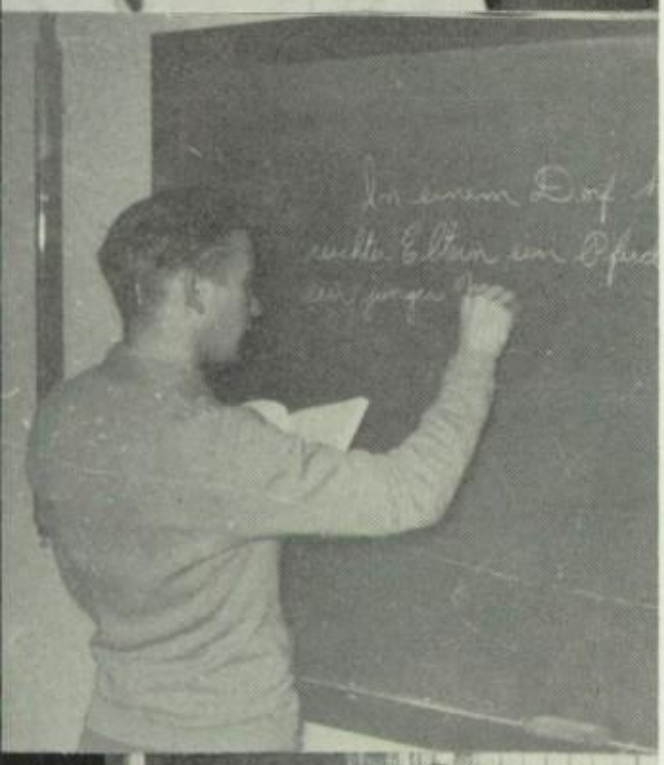
(7) This is followed by an enjoyable sport that limbers up the unused muscles and joints.





(8) The games are ended and our minds are now challenged with the great ways of God in Bible Doctrine class.

(9) The language and customs of the German people, to whom many of us are related, are studied in German class.



(10) Typing class develops nimble fingers, provides a method of handing in neat papers, and prepares one for future office work.

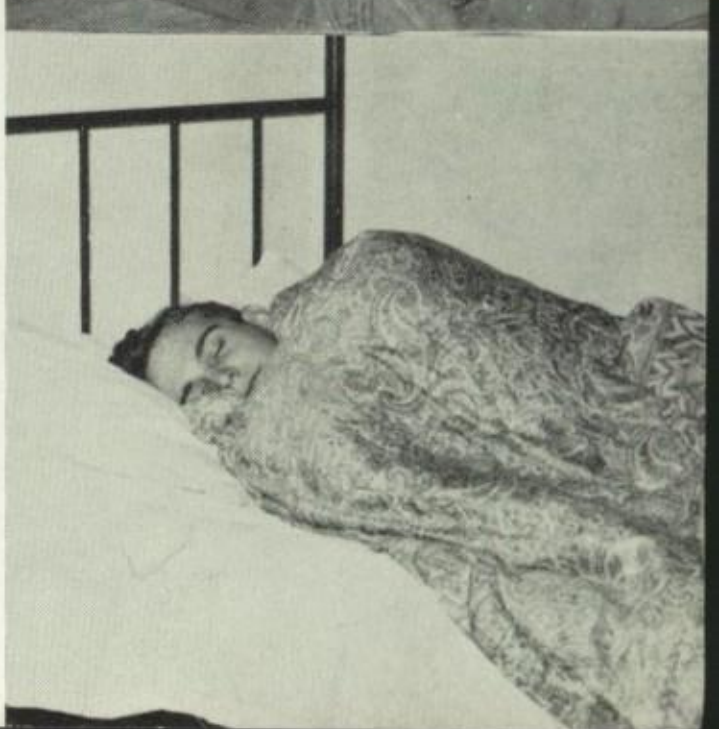
(11) School life would be just half as interesting if it were not for the social activities that help us to know each other better.

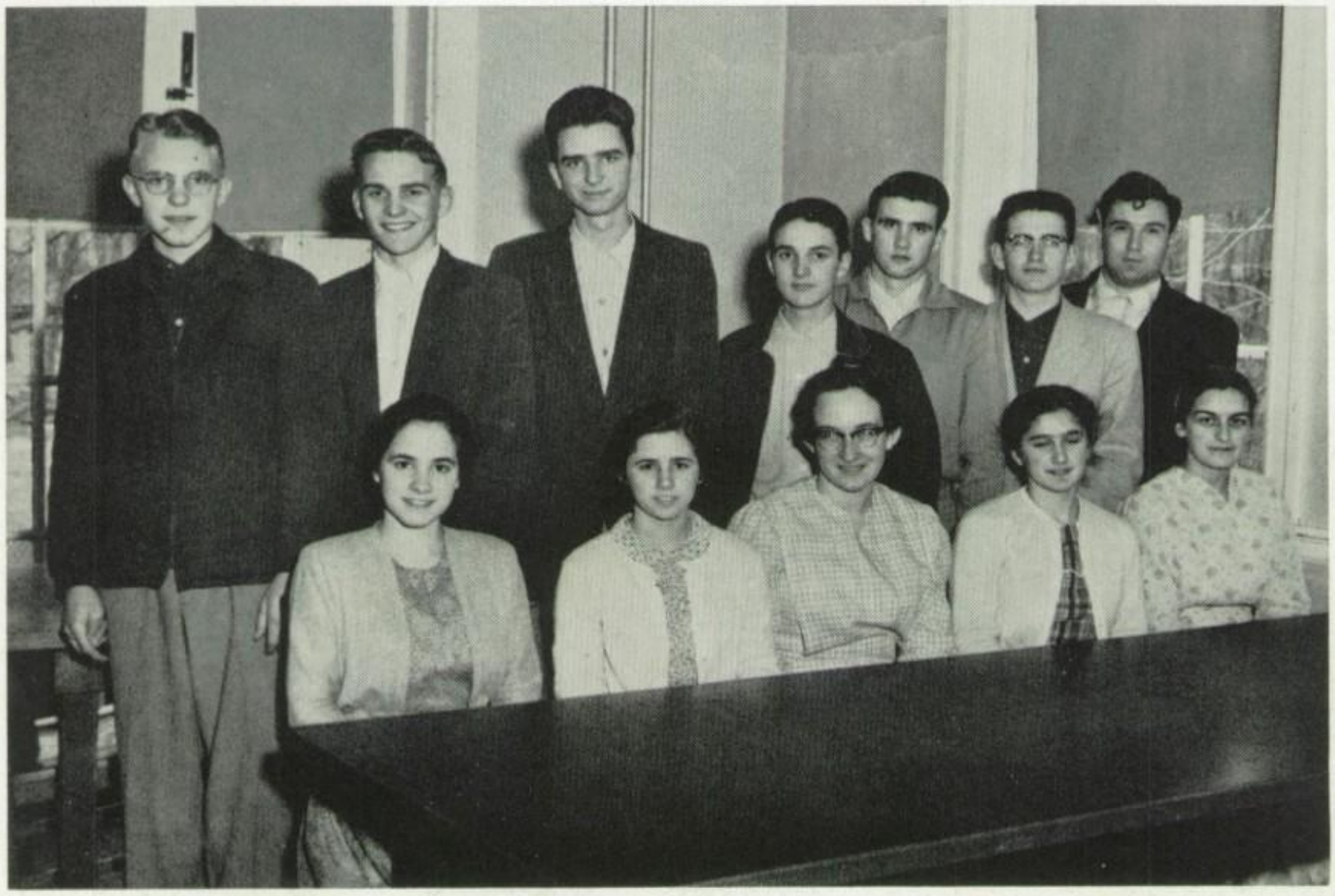
(12) Food digestion operates much more smoothly when laughter adds its spice.

(13) Finally a period of study has arrived after a day of receiving assignments, but even then one sometimes finds it is difficult to study.

(14) Who will sell the most cars this year, Chevy, Ford, or Plymouth? Many of these weighty matters are discussed when the men get together.

(15) The day has come to a close and it is time for sleep once more. Strange, sleep doesn't seem so sweet as it did this morning.





Laurel Wreath

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to introduce to you Lancaster Mennonite School, our alma mater. She is nestled in a beautiful woods beside old Mill Creek in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She is the home of the most beautiful birds, the most fragrant flowers, and all the greatest delicacies nature can afford to share. Since this school adopted us for her own it is with greatest pleasure that we can say, "Our alma mater."

For us to fully explain what we mean by L.M.S. would require 180 days, because every moment something happens. This, of course, is not possible so our second-best resort was to pause awhile, long enough to get our pictures taken and their explanations written, thus making this The Laurel Wreath for 1955.

We hope that you will love L.M.S. better after this visit, for in doing so you will find great enjoyment in gaining a new friend, our alma mater.

Sincerely,

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Student Forum

To arouse a better school spirit,
To interpret and explain school rules,
To bring dissatisfactions with their
reasons before the administration,
To arrange activities and programs,
To make posters and announcements, for
stimulating reverence in chapel,
courtesy, campus neatness, protection
of school equipment,
To promote good morals,
To seek spiritual welfare for each
student through prayer,
This is the purpose and goal of Student Forum.

JANICE SENSENIG

Chorale Singers

"The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament."

What an inspiration it is to hear a group of young people blending their voices together in songs such as the one quoted above. A desire for good music and an appreciation for the great hymns of the church through challenging anthems and choruses prompted the organizing of this new chorus this year, which is now known as, "The Chorale Singers."

The fellowship afforded through the singing of these more difficult anthems and choruses is stimulating and provides an atmosphere of wholesome enjoyment of musical talents. This chorus of forty-five members meets one period each week for practice with the enjoyment of producing music of a good quality on a highly spiritual plane.

We are challenged by the music we sing, not only to master the fine art of singing harmoniously but to aspire to the high ideals of Christian living presented to us by the thoughts expressed in the anthems we sing.

CLYDE B. STONER

Ladies Chorus

Our attention is given to Sister Mumaw as she stands before us each Tuesday and Thursday after school. We see her hand upraised and then as she gives the signal, our lips open and the joy within bursts out in the form of song. What a blessing we receive as we sing praises to our Lord! Our desire is to magnify Christ and Christ alone.

"I will sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things."

ESTHER JONES

Senior Chorus

Each Tuesday afternoon the senior chorus can be heard singing lustily in the auditorium under the leadership of Brother Stoner. The senior chorus has sung at several school programs and also at the Thanksgiving social and Christmas program. This year they have attempted "The Heavens Are Telling" and several numbers with sheet music arrangement. Certainly each chorus member has experienced the deep joy of singing praise to God from his heart, both personally and with the whole chorus.

Lois Krady

Junior Chorus

Junior Chorus is *the* most important chorus at L.M.S. It is the place where younger students get their first introduction to singing in a chorus. It is there they learn some of the elements of singing. They sing simple but challenging songs in which they learn to

a. sing notes
b. follow their leader
c. sing accurately.

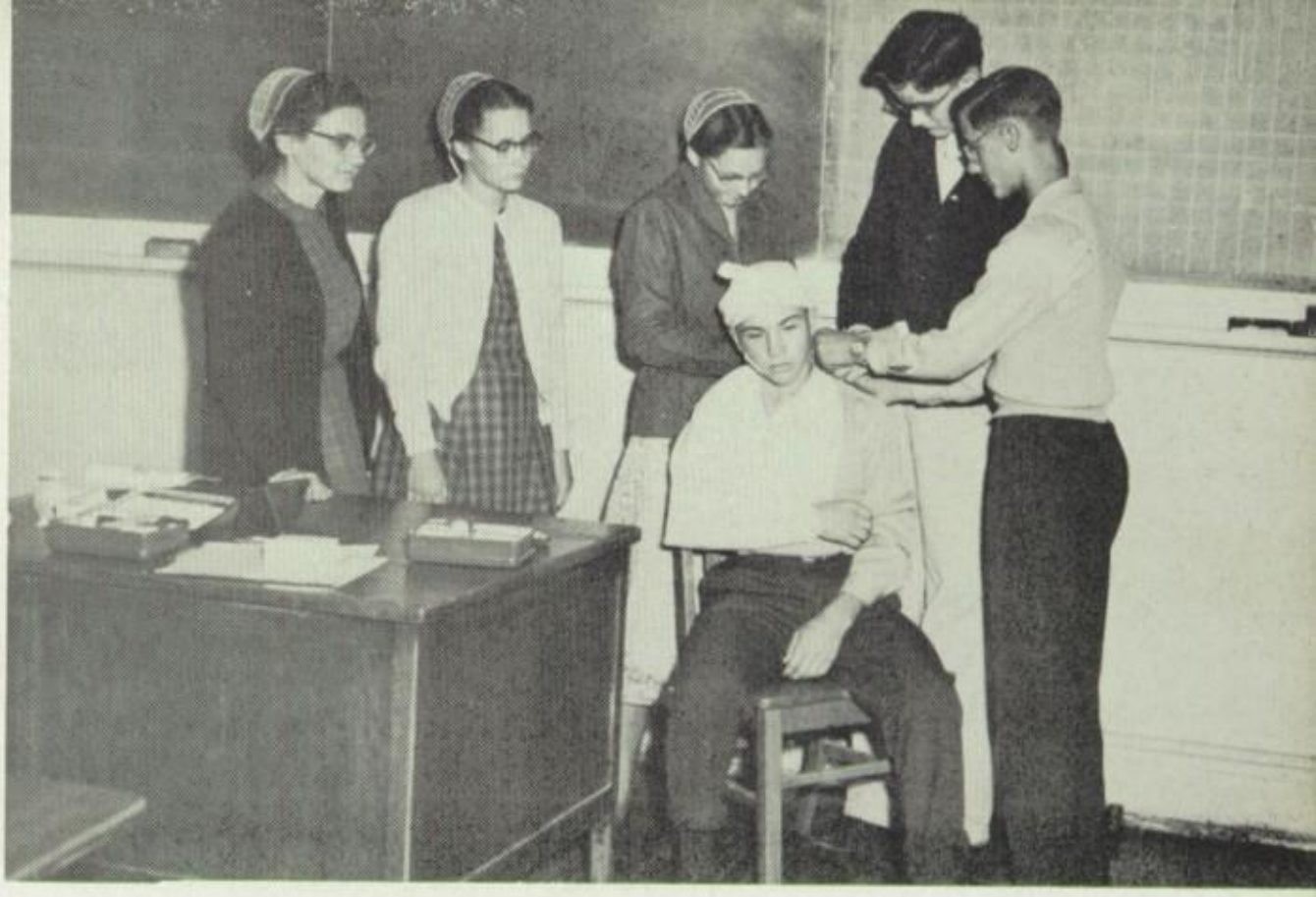
Yes, Junior Chorus is the most important chorus at L.M.S.; it is where members of the other choruses have gotten most of their training.

Campus Improvement

Nature Study

Bird Study

First Aid



Art

Needlecraft

Recreation Committee—Eugene Landis, Harvey Bauman, Gladys Swartz

Sports at L. M. S.

Tug of War—This year in the final round the sophomores were victorious over the seniors. Our annual tug of war precedes the faculty-student ball game.

Softball—Intramural, tournament, pick-up, it doesn't matter what way, softball reigns at L.M.S.

Basketball—Two large outdoor courts provide fall and winter basketball in intramural and tournament games.

Soccer, Volleyball, Football—These three are growing very fast here at school. Any of the three are loads of fun plus recreation.

Tennis—We are supplied with two tennis courts that supply year round activity.

Skating—With cold weather comes ice skating on the pond and Mill Stream. Hurrah!

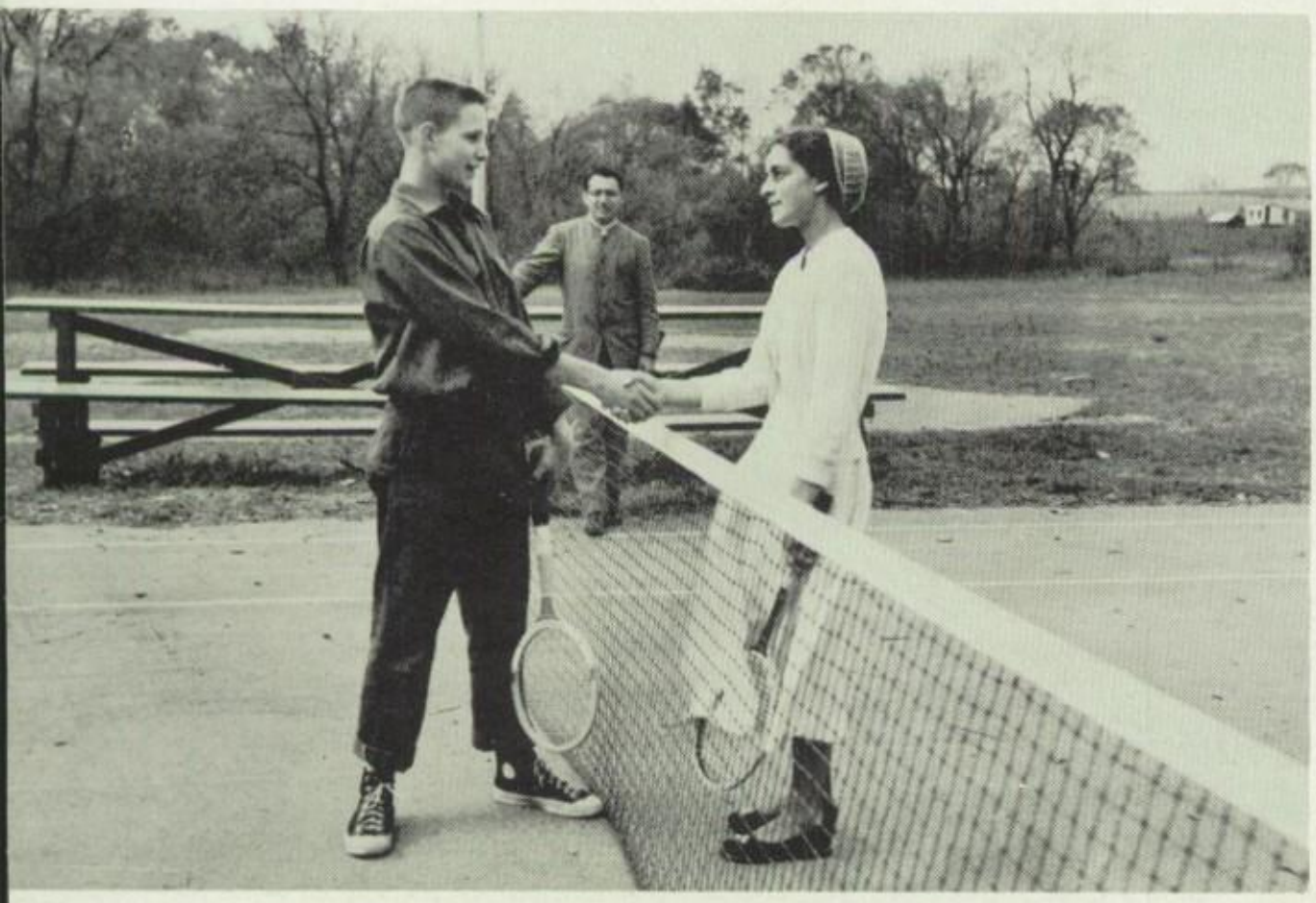
The Recreation Hall provides us with ping-pong and shuffleboard.

Thanks to all who provided a swell time for us on the playground during our stay here. Future students, you have many recreational privileges in store for you at L.M.S.

JOHN K. STOLTZFUS

Scrabble Game

Volleyball



Tennis

Softball

"Give me the clamouring crowded room,
The friends who come and buy and go."

"Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers."

"We move—the wheel must always move,

nor always on the plain

For we aspire to such a goal as wisdom hopes to gain."

"Deem each day's least that's fitly done,
A victory worthy to be won."

"Many a night from yonder ivied casements ere I went to rest,
Did I look on great Orion slipping slowly t'ward the west."

"When I dipped into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw a vision of the world and all the wonder that would be."

"Still around her steps are seen
Spotless honor's meeker mien."

"On crystal nights—the ancient stars tell tales to me,
And speak in rapture tones of God's eternity."